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Clinton's Many Words Yield Muddled Message

In Lengthy Speech, President Failed To Give a Clear View of His Vision

By John F. Harris

WASHINGTON - The new Bill Clinton, it may have dawned on people an hour or so into the State of the Union speech, has quite a lot in common with the old Bill Clinton.

He is a president who likes to speak, and he chose to speak on just about every major issue in the news and a good many not-so-major ones. On and on he went, for 82 minutes.

But in so doing. President Clinton may have sacrificed his chance to do what many politicians and presidential scholars say he needed to do ahove all: Explain to a skeptical public in clear and simple terms the core principles that animate his presidency and where he intends to take the nation.

Mr. Clinton did make clear he was a chastened leader compared with the one who came bounding into the same chamber two years ago with an unapologetically progressive agenda. He proclaimed then, "I want to talk to you about what government can do because I believe government must do more."

On Tuesday night, he made it clear that he had read the election results

from November, admitting that he was "humbled" hy his rocky experience in Washington. He devoted much of his speech to centrist themes such as pruning bureaucracy and making welfare recipients go to work.

In important ways, however, the president's speech on Tuesday resem-

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hied the one he gave two years ago. This would suggest either that he does not agree with critics, and even some White House aides, who say he needs to be more disciplined and discriminating in choosing what mutters most to him, or that he is simply incapable of following the advice.

Both speeches were like thick stews with dozens of ingredients. Two years ago, proposals to expand government's reach with 330 billion in jobs and new regulations were the meat, and the spices were "New Democrat" themes about government needing to become leaner and more efficient.

This year, that was reversed. The See CLINTON, Page 8

Rumblings about the speech. Page 3. • Republicans see false conservative, Page 8.



Mr. Rubin, left, conferring with Mr. Greenspan on Monday as they urged Congress to guarantee loans for Mexico.

Cold War Flashback as Research Rocket Alarms Moscow

MOSCOW - A Russian news agency's erroneous report that Russian forces had shot down a combat missile launched from northern Europe set off widespread alarm Wednesday.

The "missile" turned out to be a research rocket, ment officials in both Moscow and Oslo. financed by the U.S. space agency, that carried instruments from American and Norwegian universities to air defense command. Interfax said that three Russian There was a missile fired from Andoya rocket

from within their own territory after informing the Russian government.

But Interfax cited other sources in continuing to insist that the missile was for military purposes and not for research. The assertion was denied by govern-

study the Northern Lights.

The Norwegians said they had launched the rocket

a combat rocket Wednesday morning in Norway. early warning systems had picked up the launching of range, a civilian Norwegian aerospace center," he said. This source said that it soon became clear that the the Spitsbergen area."

missile would fall outside Russian Ierritory.

Lieutenant Colonel John Espen of the Norway's northern defense command at Bodoe told Reuters that a war in Chechnya, the report raised wide concern, the missile was fired from Andoya island off North

Spokesmen for the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-Cape and went down as planned in the Spitsbergen

'It went completely according to plan and landed in

There was nothing unusual about the launch." he

agency. Vyacheslav Terekhov, blamed the mistake on group of islands in the Arctic Ocean that belong to ment and military officials immediately said they false information from a high-ranking military source. Norway. But at a time when Russia's military is embroiled in

> tinn, several European countries and President Bill Clinton, traveling in Pennsylvania, said they were looking into the report. Later, a White House spokesman called it "totally unsubstantiated."

A Russian government spokesman, Valeri Grishin, confirmed that Norwegian authorities had informed Moscow of the launching of a weather research rocket.

Russians Pound Grozny Area in **Renewed** Attack

By Lee Hockstader

Washington Post Service

MOSCOW - Russian forces on Wednesday battered Chechen-held neighborhoods of Grozny with heavy artillery, tank and rocket fire, breaking a relative full in the fighting in Chechnya, causing more civilian casualues and sending a new wave of refugees fleeing for their lives.

The renewed barrage, which was accompanied by aerial attacks against at least one village where Chechen resistance has been strong, appeared to herald a fresh Russian push aimed at driving the separatist rebels out of the remaining sections of Grozny under their control.

Two Russian helicopters came under fire and crashed in Chechnya on Wednesday and both three-man crews were killed,

Itar-Tass news agency reported. It said the Mi-24 attack helicopters were shot at, presumably by Chechen rebels, as

they flew toward Grozny. The defense minister, General Pavel S. Grachev, visiting n military hospital in Moscow, said Wednesday that 564 Rus-

sian Army servicemen had died since the Kremlin sent troops into Chechnya on Dec. 11, Itar-Tass said. The figure did not appear to include Interior Ministry Iorces.

Chechen fighters in Grozny said they expect a major Russian ground offensive to be launched. For the time being, however, they control not only a large wedge of southern Grozny but dozens of smaller towns and villages east, west and south of

After the presidential palace in Grozny fell to Russian forces last week. President Boris N. Yeltsin declared that the military phase of the conflict in Chechnya was nearly complete. But Mr. Yeltsin's statement was just the latest in a string of overly

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Greenspan Sends Signal: **Higher Rates** On the Way

Federal Reserve's Chief Tells Congress He Fears Growth Is Lifting Prices

By Lawrence Malkin

NEW YORK - In a strong signal that the central bank will raise interest rates when its policy committee meets next week, the Federal Reserve chairman. Alan Greenspan, said Wednesday that he was still worried about short-term inflation affecting the performance of the U.S. econo-

Mr. Greenspan appeared before two congressional committees in a busy day of

Appearing with Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, he lent strong support for the administration's rescue plan for the Mexican economy. He cast aside suggestions that the Fed might keep interest rates low to help Mexico because, he said, that would not cure Mexico's problems.

Domestic inflation was his principal concern when he appeared before the Senate Finance Committee to warn the new Republican majority against large budget deficits. He said long-term interest rates would come down "today" if federal spending on pensions, medical care and other entitlements were curbed.

To Wall Street analysts, all this amounted to unmistakable evidence that when the Federal Open Market Commutee opens at two-day meeting Tuesday, their prediction that it will add another half penentage point to the federal funds rate will be fulfilled. The rate on overnight loans among American banks, which is hovering around 5.5 percent, sets the wholesale cost of credit. After the increase, they said, the Federal Reserve is very likely to pause and watch the economic results.

Saying that the nation was "close to achieving price stability," Mr. Greenspan said, "I see it as crucial that we extend the recent trend of low and hopefully declining inflation in the years ahead."

"The prospects in this regard are fundamentally good, but there are reasons for some concern, at least with the respect to the nearer term."

The reason for his concern is that, by recent historical measures, the U.S. economy is operating at high levels of capacity. He said that the load had increased pressure for higher wages — an argument increasingly disputed by other economists, Republicans and Democrats in Congress and a rising number of husinessmen.

Those critics argue that the globalization of production and the computerization of management's tasks have expanded the economy's capacity and thus raised its "speed limit" above the Fed's target of 2.5 percent economic growth. The top economist of Chrysler, W. Van Bussmann, said Tuesday that the Federal Reserve's six rate increases in 1994 had sufficed to "engineer a soft landing" of the economy.

But Mr. Greenspan argued that it was "still too soon to judge" whether the pro-duction and management reforms had really made the American economy more productive in the long run. In any case, he continued, they certainly had not raised its capacity limits as high as last year's estimated growth of about 4 percent.

When the smoke clears from next week's

expected rate increase. David Jones of the Wall Street bond house Auhrey G. Lanston said, "it will be quite a while before the Fed does another one."

"The political pressures are beginning to mount in Congress and the White House, and now from business," he said. "Greenspan will wait several months at least for the next one to watch what the economy Mr. Greenspan also appeared before the

House Banking Committee with Mr. Ru-bin and Mr. Christopher to warn that a \$40 hillion loan guarantee program for Mexico must be approved quickly "to make cer-tain that the current troubles in Mexico do not spill over across the border."

If Mexico's financial crisis is not contained, he said, it could spread to other emerging markets and "halt or even reverse the global trend toward market-oriented reform and democratization."

The panel chairman, Jim Leach ol Iowa. said he was drafting a bill on the issue. Not guaranteeing the loans would be a mistake, the Republican said, although "all alternatives at this time are lousy alternatives."

The Interfax news agency later acknowledged that "At 9:48 A.M. the missile fell in the region of the said. "All instruments worked to perfection." "The rocket fell on its own — no one shot it down," its report was wrong. The deputy director of the Spitsbergen archipelago," Interfax said, referring to a Following the initial urgent report. Russian govern Mr. Grishin said. (AP, Reuters

A Bloody Ticket to Paradise Martyrdom Lures More Palestinians

By Joel Greenberg

GAZA - If Abdel Rahim Sukar felt any grief, he wasn't showing it.

His older brother, Anwar Sukar, was a suicide bomber from the Islamic Jihad group who blew himself up Sunday in a crowd of Israeli soldiers, killing 19 Israelis and wounding more than 60.

"I cried a little at first, but later I slopped." Mr. Sukar said, as men and schoolchildren streamed to his family's house to pay their respects on Tuesday. "When I saw the flesh and blood of the Jews, I was happy.

"It was the best martyrdom possible," he said of his brother's death. "I'm proud of him, and I wish I could have been in his place. This made us walk tall." Under a makeshift awning, somber but

dry-eyed men sat in rows as loudspeakers broadcast eulogies in prose and verse. The suicide bomber was praised as a "heroic martyr of Islam" who had gone to paradise while "inflicting misery on the sons of

Pictures of him and of other dead militants covered the walls, and an Islamic Jihad poster hoasted, "We will shake Israel to its foundations."

The gathering illustrated how, while the Palestinians are supposed to be ending decades of conflict with Israel, many are not only still gripped by the struggle but enthralled by a cult of death.

The phenomenon seems to be striking deeper roots as Palestinian suicide bombers carry out more and more attacks, kill-

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Israel Approves Plans to Build 2,200 West Bank Housing Units

By Clyde Haberman

JERUSALEM - Hoping to dispel widespread confusion over its policy on settlements, the Israeli government ap-proved plans Wednesday for at least 2,200 new West Bank apartments this year near Jerusalem, but said it would slow the pace of construction.

Whether confusion had ended was not

Although the Labor-led government says it wants to curtail the expansion of settlements championed by its Likud predecessor, it continues to accept new building in and around sensitive areas such as Jerusalem and the Jordan Valley, although not nearly to the extent that settler groups

The decision Wednesday, made by a new cabinet committee led by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, certainly did not put an end to disputes on an issue with the explosive potential to undermine peace ne-goulations between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Those talks have been Irozen by the Islamic suicide bombing that killed Is young soldiers and a civilian in central Israel on Sunday.

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Palestinians expressed anger that construction of any kind would continue in West Bank areas that Israelis claim as "Greater Jerusalem" but that Palestinians say belong to them for their hoped-for

luture state. Settler leaders and the Likud-led political opposition were also displeased, com-plaining that the government had yielded to PLO pressure and set aside original plans for several thousand more housing

"The government policy has been to capitulate every step of the way," said Yehiel Leiter, a spokesman for the main settlers' group, the Council of Jewish Com-

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A Chechen taking aim after a Russian sniper fired on a market near Grozny.

Kiosk

A Plea for Extra Funds for Pentagon

WASHINGTON (NYT) — The top two U.S. military officials warned Wednesday that the armed forces' comhat readiness will suffer if Congress fails to approve \$2.6 billion in additional Pentagon spending by March 31.

Defense Secretary William J. Perry and General John M. Shalikashvili, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the House National Security Apppropriations subcommittee that the Pentagon needs the additional money to pay for unplanned operations in Hai-ti, Bosnia, Cuba and the Gulf.

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Health/Science An exhibition on the life and work of Louis Pasteur marks the 100th anniversary of his death.

Now, Simpson's Defense: He Was Accused in 'a Rush to Judgment'

LOS ANGELES - O.J. Simpson was wrongfully accused of murder because of "a rush to judgment" by prosecutors, a defense lawyer said Wednesday in

opening statements in the former football star's mur-

Trying to counter physical evidence cited by the prosecution, the lawyer, Johnnie Cochran, said that the defense would "talk about the trails that they

Quoting from the Reverend Martin Luther King, Abraham Lincoln and Cicero — all in the first five minutes — Mr. Cochran called the trial "this search for justice, this search for truth,"

"The evidence will show that O.J. Simpson is an innocent man wrongfully accused," he told the inrors. "This case is about a rush to judgment, an obsession to win at any cost."

Mr. Cochran opened the trial for the defense after Judge Lance A. Ito allowed television coverage to continue. He had suspended the trial on Tuesday. after the prosecution's opening statement, when informed that the remote-operated pool camera covering the proceedings had madvertently shown the face

of an alternate juror. (Page 8)
Mr. Cochran said that at least three defense witnesses had information that could help exonerate Mr. Simpson and that two of the witnesses had offered information to the authorities, but were ignored.

One of these witnesses, Mr. Cochran said, was walking his dog at about 10 o'clock the night of June 12 and saw a woman he believed to be Nicole Brown Simpson, Mr. Simpson's former wife, embracing a man at the curb while another man, possibly Hispanic or white, stood there "with his hands clenched" as if he

The prosecution said Mrs. Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman were stabbed and slashed to death around 10:15 P.M. that night. Mr. Simpson is charged with murder in connection with the killings.

Another witness, Mr. Cochran said, was a woman who saw four men walking near the murder scene. He said the witness thought the men might have been undercover police, and said that they got into a

"That's what she tried to tell police, but they wouldn't listen because of this rush to judgment," Mr. Cochran said.

Another witness will testify that she saw Mr. Simpson's Ford Bronco and heard his voice that night at his home, Mr. Cochran said. And, the attorney added, "After Mr. Simpson left,

after 12 o'clock, she heard men's voices over on the

Simpson property, till about 2 o'clock or 3 o'clock in the morning. He said a Los Angeles detective, Mark Fuhrman.

would be an important part of the trial. In the past, the defense has accused Mr. Fuhrman of racism and suggested that he may have tampered with evidence to

implicate Mr. Simpson.

"It's very interesting that the prosecution never once mentioned his name yesterday," Mr. Cochran said. "It's like they just want to hide him."

He also said the defense would attack what he called the "integrity" of evidence in the case. He said the police had assigned a "trainee" with limited experience to collect some of the evidence.

He also took issue with the prosecution's description of the Simpsons' marriage as violent and miser-

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By Celestine Bohlen New York Times Service

ROME - Lamberto Dini, Italy's new prime minister, won his first confidence vote in Parliament on Wednesday, thanks to the mass abstention by deputies from the center-right coalition led by his predecessor, Silvio Berlusconi.

The 270 abstentions in the 630-seat lower chamber permitted the government to win with 302 "yes" votes — far short of the broad mandate Mr. Dini had sought, and will probably need, as he pushes through a four-point program of economic and political reform.

By withholding their votes, deputies of the Freedom Alliance, the coalition that won Italy's elections last spring, put Mr. Dini on notice that they will keep up the pressure for another round of parliamentary elections, as early as June if Mr. Berlusconi has his way.

"I will keep repeating this un-til everyone is bored to death," Mr. Berlusconi said. "The chief assumption behind a healthy democracy is that Parliament is people, and democracy cannot

Mr. Dini has gone out of his way on several occasions, in-cluding in a 50-minute speech to Parliament on Monday, to pledge that be will hand in his mandate once he bas succeeded in passing his program, which includes a supplementary hudget for 1995, reform of lealy's troublesome pension system. changes in regional electoral laws and a guarantee of free access to the media in political campaigns to come.

The prime minister, a former central hanker who was treasury minister during Mr. Berlusconi's seven-month government, has said he needs only a "few months" to accomplish these tasks. But many political observers have their doubts, given the shakiness of his support and the controversial na-

ture of some of these proposals, In the end, Mr. Dini was supported Wednesday by an odd alliance made up of the federalist Northern League, the erst-while ally of Mr. Berlusconi, as well as a centrist party of former Christian Democrats and the Democratic Party of the Left, the main heir in the old Italian Communist Party.

Mr. Dini's cool style and his determination to address Italy's mounting fiscal deficit has won him the support of the financial markets, and a report on Italy issued Wednesday by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development only underscored the urgency of the goals he bas set for his sbortterm government.

"To a larger extent than at any time since World War II," the report said, "expectations about Halv's medium-term eco nomic and political future will be shaped by the speed with which the government deals with spiraling public deht."
The Paris-based economic

organization predicted that Italy would exceed its projected 1995 deficit of 138.6 trillion lire (\$87.5 billion) by 13 trillion lire. although it also noted that the cconomy overall was growing at a remarkably bealthy rate of 2.7 percent.

The nomination of Mr. Dini by President Oscar Luigi Scal-faro on Jan. 13 was designed to give the country a respite from the political battles that led to Mr. Berlusconi's resignation in December, when the defection of the Northern League from his coalition cost his govern-ment a majority in Parliament.

many of them drawn from acain Italian politics, which fol- presidential race. lowed the collapse of the old scandal-ridden party system.



Mr. Dini being congratulated Wednesday by two ministers, Antonio Brancaccio and Adriano Ossicini, after his victory.

and medical clinics in the Kobe region

were heavily damaged or destroyed by

the Jan. 17 earthquake, which killed

more than 5,000 people. The surviving

bospitals are overcrowded and short-

The official said a flu epidemic --

expected because of the cold weather

and poor conditions in the 500 camps

where 300,000 refugees are crammed

"The number of evacuees suffering

from flu has gone up sharply," he said

We think the epidemic has arrived."

Prime Minister Tomiichi Mur-

While newer Japanese buildings in-corporate the U.S. approach, those

built before 1983 and most elevated

roadways followed the brute strength

approach, the experts said.

The Japanese approach works as

long as ground motions occur in a

range that has been anticipated, they

explained. But the ground motions in the quake last week were twice as large as expected, and thousands of struc-tures could not withstand them.

The U.S. experts, Nigel Priestley and Frieder Scible, both professors of

structural engineering at the Universi-

ty of California at San Diego, ex-

pressed their views at a news conference Tuesday. They inspected

damaged structures in Japan for three

days with Greg MacRae, an assistant

professor of structural engineering at

the University of Washington in Seat-

appeared to bave struck.

Kobe Calls for Aid as Flu Epidemic Hits Refugees

ayama told Parliament on Wednesday

that the government was stepping up already frantic efforts to get ilu medi-

"Influenza is prevailing over the refugees," he said. "We are doing all

There were also worries about mal-

"Some people are showing symp-

toms of malnutrition," said the city

official, who did not want to be

As efforts to get back to normal continued, the West Japan Railway

extended its service even farther to-

"It was quite awe inspiring." Mr. Priestley said, "You would walk for

seven miles and their freeways were so

heavily damaged, 80 percent of the columns failed."

Every structural column is made of

similar components, he said. Vertical

steel bars are embedded in concrete,

which is then wrapped with horizontal

bands of steel to contain the column.

This structure is then covered with

In building transportation columns.

the Japanese tend to go for strength., Mr. Priestley said. They feel that the

bigger a section is, the stronger it is, he

said, and tend to use fewer horizontal

steel bands to contain the column. If a

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Collapsed Structures Had Flawed Design Approach

For French, A Linguistic Blow by EU

BRUSSELS - In a move that hinted at cultural battles to come, Franco-

phones lost one of their last international strongholds Wednesday as the European Commission ended 30 years of French monopoly and adopted a multilingual press service.

The move was welcomed by English, Dutch and German journalists, who were able to use their native tongues at the commission's daily news briefing. Journalists from France

and some other countries viewed the move warily. however, fearing it could lead to English becoming the European Union's de facto common language.

Jacques Santer, the commission's president, endorsed the change to promote communication with a press corps swelled by arrivals from Sweden, Finland and Austria.

The train now runs from Osaka, the

metropolis to the east of Kobe, as far as Ashiya, a station within Kobe only

about 10 kilometers (6 miles) from the

Osaka to central Kobe to about three

bours. Before the quake, trains ran

from Osaka to central Kobe in 19

Meanwhile, the chief of staff of Ja-

pan's Ground Self-Defense Force said

Wednesday that his troops had not

been sent too late into the area devas-

tated by the earthquake, as opposition

politicians and critics bave alleged.

"The Japanese columns will per-

form well during an earthquake that

behaves according to their design cri-

teria," Mr. Priestley said, "But last

week's quake did not cooperate with

He said buildings are another story.

Those constructed in the last 10 years

did very well because Japanese archi-

tects have incorporated U.S. and New

Zealand flexible design philosophies

"But the defects in many older buildings are fairly serious," Mr.

Priestley said. The problem is that the

columns that support the buildings

tend to be weaker than the beams which tie them together. In a large

quake, he said, the beams do not de-

form and energy can suddenly con-centrale at the columns on one floor,

the Japanese building codes."

into their codes.

That will cut the travel time from

central business district.

WORLD BRIEFS

Yemenis Claim Saudis Mass Troops

SAN'A, Yemen (Reuters) - Political sources in Yemen said Wednesday that Saudi Arabia was massing troops, tanks and air power along the two countries' disputed border.

The Saudis have been rushing tanks, rocket launchers, armored vehicles and infantry units toward the borders," one source said, adding, "They have also moved F-15 and F-16 planes and military helicopters near the borders." There has been no official announcement of a troop buildup and diplomats could not confirm one.

A Yemeni team is now in Riyadh for talks to resolve the border

Zimbabwe Sentences White Doctor

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) - A white doctor convicted of negligence in the deaths of two nonwhite patients was sentenced Wednesday to six months in prison and fined 10,000 Zimbabwe dollars (\$2,000).
Dr. Richard McGown, an anesthesiologist, bad been accused of

experimenting on patients with morphine. Two young children, one black and one Asian, died after surgery during which Dr. McGown, 58, had administered morphine as anesthesia, stoking racial tension in Zimbabwe. Black militants had threatened to attack whites if Dr. McGown failed to receive a stiff sentence.

Dr. McGown was convicted of gross negligence for releasing a 20-month-old Asian boy to his parents after administering a high dose of morphine in a circumcision operation in 1988. The baby choked on vomit after suffering respiratory problems caused by the morphine. The doctor also was convicted of professional negligence in the death of a 10-year-old black girl. The maximum penalty was life imprisonment.

Serbs Reject Negotiators' Peace Plan
SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (WP) — Optimism that
long-stalled peace talks would resume soon evaporated Wednesday, as negotiators from the United States and its European allies said they had falled to persuade Bosnian Serbs to accept their peace plan, and then fell into discord about what step to take next.

Delegates from the United States, Britain and France remained in Sarajevo on Wednesday night, while German and Russian representatives returned to their capitals. "It is certainly not a very good sign that half the group is staying and half is leaving," an official from a country in the so-called "contact group" said. He added that the rift was sapping already meager chances of getting the Serbs to accept the internationally brokered partition map.

The setbacks undercut hopes that the opportunity opened by former President Jimmy Carter's shuttle diplomacy in December would break the five-month impasse in negotiations. They also cast doubt on the future of the fourth major international mediation effort in the conflict.

King of Lesotho Regains His Throne MASERU, Lesotho (AFP) — King Moshoeshoe II of Lesotho

on Wednesday regained the throne he was deposed from five years ago, promising reconciliation and peace after decades of political turbulence in the southern African kingdom.

"We will go back to the unity that we knew before this difficult period," he promised 10,000 cheering supporters who witnessed the voluntary abdication of the outgoing long, Letsie III, in favor

King Moshoeshoe was dethroned and replaced by his son in 1990 by the military, which accused the king of interfering in its running of the country. King Letise, in turn, staged a royal coup last August, partly in a bid to have his father regain the throne.

London Rejects Ending Quarantine

LONDON (Reuters) - The British government said Wednesday it would not end a quarantine for imported dogs and cats that s kept the country virtually free of rabies for more than 70 years. Under the system, about 9,000 animals a year undergo six months in confinement after entering Britain, causing expense and anguish to owners.

The Parliament's agriculture committee recommended in No vember that quarantine should be replaced by vaccination and blood testing for animals coming from other European Union nations and other approved countries. The Agriculture Ministry replied Wednesday that that the government was not persuaded that the situation in Europe "has developed sufficiently to justify replacing the well-tried existing quarantine system."

Saudi Troop Movements Reported

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column might use 20. causing it to collapse. do not collapse as readily. 'Cowboy' on a Dark Horse Hopes to Rescue France

By Joseph Fitchett

KOBE, Japan — Amid signs that a feared epidemic of influenza bas bro-

ken out among refugees from the

earthquake that struck western Japan,

appeals went out Wednesday for more

doctors and nurses to help the region's

After battling for eight days to cope with the nearly 27,000 injured, Kobe

hospitals were at breaking point, their

doctors and nurses exhausted.
"We are trying to get reinforcements from all around the country," a senior Kobe city official said. "Our

medical people can't keep going like

By Sandra Blakeslee

New York Times Service

pressways, bridges and buildings col-

lapsed in the earthquake in Kobe, Ja-

pan, last week because of

fundamental flaws in engineering de-

sign, according to two U.S. experts

in structural engineering, the experts-said. Support columns, especially

those used to hold up roadways and train tracks, tend to be huge and brit-

tle. When the ground shakes, the col-

umns are meant to stand firm and

American engineers take a duterent

approach, the experts said. Support

columns are smaller and more flexi-

ble, or ductile, which means they may

deform and sustain damage but they

The Japanese rely on brute strength

who inspected the damage.

resist collapse.

NEW YORK - Many elevated ex-

overhurdened bealth-care system.

PARIS — Maybe it's because be likes Westerns, but Raymond Barre believes that France's next president should be a man who acts alone, living or dying politically by the fights

His unflinching code - the only cowboyish trait about this But many commentators sedentary, academic politician have noted in recent days that - contrasts unterly with the the Dini government, made up message of painless change of low-profile professionals, coming from Prime Minister many of them drawn from aca- Edouard Balladur, currenlly demia, cannot resolve the drift the runaway leader in France's The cozy Balladur campaign

message stresses consensual

help the French avoid stepping on each other's toes as they scramble into the 21st century.

To Mr. Barre, that sounds suspiciously like a wish to duck the political fights that many French conservatives believe are unavoidable for the country's economic modernization.

Mr. Barre's description of an ideal president - as a leader ready to fight for his ideas and strip away hypocrisy - has made him a dark horse wbo could surge if Mr. Balladur stumbles. Although Mr. Barre has not said whether he intends to run, his conservative creden-tials are matched with a record of political independence that could draw leftist votes.

Already, Mr. Barre's views raise questions, by implication, about the prime minister's ultracautious approach to social change: Was it an electoral tactic to be dropped if he wins the election this spring? Or is Mr. Balladur really happy defending the status quo?

Mr. Barre challenges the muffled manner of the Balladur year ago when Air France in 1981.

the airports" and send a signal of public disorder in France. Pressed about this episode.

Mr. Barre said that he would have let the state-owned airline's management stick to its plan for cutting losses and subsidies, even if it meant facing the threat of bankruptcy, if necessary, to demonstrate the economic logic of the crisis. In-stead of brandishing such a threat, the Balladur govern-ment backed down and forced

the head of Air France to quit. Mr. Barre's academic zest about the right answers sometimes gives the impression that be relishes prescribing tough

Mr. Barre, who was prime minister for five years under President Valery Giscard d'Estaing in the oil-shocked 1970s, earned the title of France's "most unpopular prime minis-ter." He ended price controls and closed steel mills as European governments restructured the industry. Public reaction to government. For example, he is his hluff style helped François sharply critical of its retreat a Mitterrand win the presidency

change, commending the prime minister as a leader who can help the French avoid stepping workers on strike shut down help the French avoid stepping workers on strike shut down about his approach because be help the French avoid stepping workers on strike shut down about his approach because be help the French avoid stepping workers on strike shut down about his approach because be help the French avoid stepping workers on strike shut down about his approach because be view that he would "never bave dent, with more authority than allowed the strikers to take over comparable figures in other democracies, can lead voters to

accept painful decisions. Citing De Gaulle and Mr. Mitterrand as skillfull practitioners, Mr. Barre said that a president should take the risk of imposing policy on key issues. If he fails to prevail against unrelenting opposition, he should

resign. Mr. Barre has always refused a permanent home in any politi-cal party. Lacking any party machinery, he seems conspicuously alone.

His small office in Paris is not far from the National Assembly, where he serves as a deputy from Lyon.

A mountain of books (mostly unread "because there is so rarely any added value") is topped by a small, framed Humphrey Bogart movie poster. Mr. Barre readily acknowledges a passion for film, notahly Hollywood Westerns and French gangster movies star-ring Alain Delon. Movies are eclipsed once he

starts listing France's current assets, including a workforce ranking among Europe's most productive and a special oppor-tunity to belp Germany wield its power, which otherwise would frighten neighboring countries. A prime threat to these pros-

pects is an aging population that makes the French more hesitant about change and "more inward-looking,"

Aging voters, he said, fear changing the nation's system of health care and retirement, even though demographic trends make an overhaul unavoidable. Mr. Barre cited this as an example of when a president

should put his job on the line. "Even if 85 percent of the peo-ple were against it, I would say, 'I'm responsible for you and your children's future so it's my duty to insist on this change," he said.

Mr. Barre's chances of winning the presidential election are slim, mainly because the leaders of small centrist parties - Mr. Barre's natural champions - have given their support to Mr. Balladur. Mr. Barre's equanimity

seems undented. Mr. Bailadur is a man who

is operating via political par-ties," he said. "France needs a president who can relate directly to the French people."

TRAVEL UPDATE

Watch on the Rhine as Rivers Rise

BONN (Reuters) - German authorities have not ruled out a repeat of 1993's "floods of the century" on the Rhine and Moselle rivers as beavy rain and snowfall resumed over southwestern Germany on Wednesday. Rivers began to rise again after easing back from levels that have caused flooding on the Saar and

Asked if a repeat of 1993 was in sight, a spokesman for regional authorities in Mainz said: "At the moment, nothing can be ruled out. It's possible we are going to bave a very extreme flood situation." Forecasts for some parts of southwestern Germany. where the Rhine's tributaries rise, are for up to 10 centimeters (4 inches) of rain over the next few days.

Towns across northern France, meanwhile, struggled with a fifth day of flooding on Wednesday as more rain fell on the already waterlogged countryside. Rain was not falling hard enough to worsen the situation in flooded areas but kept water levels high and prevented recovery efforts from getting under way in many areas, authorities said.

The cross-Channel train operator Eurostar said it is investigating the cause of a "minor fire" Tuesday evening in the rear power car of a train traveling from Brussels to London, a spokesman said. He said the company cannot specify the extent of the damage or the cost of repairing the engine. None of the 112 passengers was hurt, and most will "probably get a refund plus any accommodation costs" they may have incurred, the spokesman added. (AFX)

Investigators have broken up a suspected luggage theft ring at Milan's Linate Airport, the newspaper Corriere della Sera reported Wednesday. After two years of investigation, police on Mon-day arrested a baggage handler, Massimo Santo Russo, and 20 other airport workers are considered suspects, reports said, (AP)

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Lang Won't Seek French Presidency

PARIS - Former Culture Minister Jack Lang, the only Socialist that opinion polls show has a chance of reaching the second round in France's presidential election, dropped his bid for the divided party's nomination on Wednesday. Mr. Lang, 55, urged Social-

ists to select the party leader, Henri Emmanuelli, in a ballot of members on Feb. 3. His withdrawal leaves a nomination battle between Mr. Emmanuelli, 49, and Lionel Jo-

spin, 57, the former education

minister and party leader.

EUROPEAN TOPICS

For a 119-Year-Old French Woman, Birthday Will Be Just Another Record

When she was born, Edison hadn't invented the phonograph or the incandescent light hulb. The reign of Napoleon III had ended only five years earlier. Now, the 14-year reign of François Mitterrand is nearing its end, but Jeanne Calment is still

going strong. On Feb. 21, Mrs. Calment turns 120. The Guinness Book of Records already lists her as the oldest known person alive.

A group of three scientists and doctors spent time with her recently 10 research a book. Though her mind remains sharp, they had to interview her using the Midi accent of her native Arles. One of the authors, Michel Allard, a specialist on France's fastgrowing centenarian population, credits her longevity in part to her "powerful capacity for mental visualization: She spends hours remembering happy scenes, reliving joyous moments.

She is obviously made of tough stuff. She didn't finally stop riding her bicycle until she was 100.

At 80, she sold her house under the viager system. meaning she would receive payments for it, but the buyer, a notary, would gain possession only upon her death. Normally such a purchase from an 80year-old would have made financial sense. Wryly. Mrs. Calment has sent the notary a card every year, saying: "Excuse me if I'm still alive, but my parents didn't raise shoddy goods!"

About 4,500 Irish country pub owners murched on Parliament on Tuesday to protest new laws they say, are ruining their lives.

The laws, which brought Ireland into line with European Union regulations, lowered the legal aleohol blood level for drivers to the effective equivalent of one glass of stout or wine; under the old laws, most pub chents figured they could drink two and still be legal. The measure took effect during the Christmas holiday, and drink-related driving accidents over the period fell to balf the normal levels

Saying thank you in a big way, a Swiss chocolate maker is celebrating its 150th anniversary by send ing a 60-gram (2-ounce) chocolate bar to every our of the 2.349,522 homes in the country. The packages from the Lindt and Spruengli chocolate firm, will be delivered by mail; they would fill 53 train cars

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Clinton, Bowing to Political Reality, Models a More Centrist Presidency

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton has presented to a sharply partisan Congress a vision of a "new social compact" between a nation committed to civic responsibility and a centrist government that is cheaper, more effective and less

In his longest address as president and one that rang with as many Republican themes as traditionally Democratic ones.

Mr. Clinton said, "We must forge a new social compact to meet the challenges of courtings." That compact an invadage large our time." That compact, an updated ver-sion of his 1992 "new covenant" campaign theme, must be grounded, he said, in the tenets that "opportunity and responsibility go hand-in-hand. We can't have one with-

ty can't hold together without both."

With the House speaker, Newt Gingrich, Republican of Georgia, tooming belund him as a visible reminder of Democratic reversats under his political leadership and as a barometer of Republican support or opposition to his words. Mr. Clinton delivered his third, and most comprehensive, State of the Union ad-

He offered no new massive government efforts, like the health care plan that was the foundation of his address only a year

Instead, Mr. Clinton, the lirst Democratic president since Harry S. Truman to address a Congress controlled by Republicans, bowed to the political imperative of

redefining a more centrist, visionary presi-

He welcomed tax-cutting, regulationirinming, program shaving and govern-ment-shrinking, all dear to Republicans and none of his major themes in his first

William Kristol, a Republican analyst, called the address the "most conservative State of the Union by a Democratic presi-

Instead of offering new government ef-forts, the president defended those he im-plemented, saying he would fight to pre-serve the ban on assault weapons, his economic recovery program, childhood immunization and early childhood educa-

tion and veterans programs.

"When we cut," Mr. Clinton said, "let us places. Clean water and clear air."

remember that government still has important responsibilities: Our young people hold our future in their hands. We owe a debt to our veterans who were willing to risk their lives for us, the elderly have made us what we are. My budget cuts a lot. but it protects education, veterans, Social

Security and Medicare and so should you."
Instead of calling for new government regulations, Mr. Clinton defended the results of government regulation to date: "I appland your desire to get rid of costly, unnecessary regulations. But when we de-regulate, let's remember what national action in the national interest has given us: safer food for our families, safer toys for our kids, safer nursing homes for our par-ents, safer curs and highways. Safer work-

not send a specific proposal to Capitol Hill until he did more

And after Mr. Dole began to

turn one of the president's pro-posals — that Congress restrict

lobbyists' contributions - against him, Mr. McCurry said

that Mr. Clinton had directed

the supervisors of his legal de-

fense fund to begin screening

contributions to determine

which were from lobbyists.

to test the waters there.

While the language was markedly cen-trist for Mr. Clinton, many Republicans were not appeased. They applauded wildly when Mr. Clinton his their political hos huttons: smaller government, tax reductions, less bureaucracy. But they glowered or sat on their hands when be invoked his own: gun control, government programs that he believes work, his version of the crime bill, his version of welfare reform.

Senator Arlen Specter, Republican of Pennsylvania, summed up the partisanship when he said. "I have been to 15 of these and I haven't seen an occasion when one party was doing the applauding and the other was sitting on its hands. I think that bodes a very tough year ahead."

The most enduring theme of Mr. Clinton's address was the acknowledgment

that the president was changing to a more centrist course.

"I have made my mistakes and learned again the importance of humility in all human endeavor," Mr. Clinton said. But he asserted that the country was better off than it was two years ago and called on Republicans and Democrats to "put aside partisanship, pettiness and pride to do the business of democracy.

In the end, his most compelling call was more to the institutions and people of the nation than to the Congress he no longer controls, if he ever did. He ehallenged a broad range of institutions, from the entertainment industry in Hollywood, to corporate America, community leaders and reli-gious leaders to move forward with their freedoms, but to exert more responsibility.



The president giving a thumbs-up Wednesday at Kutztown University in Pennsylvania.

Footnote on an Old Story About Dr. King

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky — A former Kentucky state senator says she had a yearlong affair with the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. and was with the civil rights leader in Tennessee the night before he was assassinated in 1968.

Georgia Powers discussed the relationship in . her new autobiography, "I Shared the Dream," and in an interview published Wednesday in the Louisville Courier-Journal newspaper.

"The relationship between Martin Luther King Jr. and I began with mutual admiration." she wrote. "Gradually, our attachment grew

stronger until it passed beyond camaraderie into

In 1967, Mrs. Powers became the first black person elected to the state Senate. The affair began that March, she told the Couner-Journal. Civil rights activists criticized the Reverend Ralph Abernathy, Mr. King's lieutenant in the movement, five years ago when he suggested in his memoirs that Mr. King eheated on his wife. Mr. Abernathy also wrote of a liaison Mr. King had the night before he was killed with "a hlack woman" who was "a member of the Kentucky Legislature," but he did not name her.

Segregationist's Face Falls

WASHINGTON - Responding to a protest by 11 black members of Congress, the Republican who is chairman of the House Rules Committee has promised to remove a portrait of the segregationist Howard Smith from the panel's hearing room.

"I intend to replace it with another appropriate portrait." Representative Gerald B.H. Solomon of New York said in a statement. The black lawmakers marched into Mr.

Solomon's committee during a session Tuesday to demand that be remove the newly hung portrait of the late Representative Smith, a Virginia Democrat who defended slavery. Mr. Solomon responded that he had ordered the portrait displayed to applaud Mr. Smith's fairness to Republicans as committee head from 1955 to 1966.

As head of the Rules Committee, which serves as a gatekeeper for legislation moving to the floor of the House, Mr. Smith fought vehemently against civil rights bills.. (AP)

Rebuke for Attack on Clinton

WASHINGTON - A Republican representative's angry attack on President Bill Clinton's avoidance of the draft during the Vietnam War drew a sharp reprimand Wednesday on the House floor.

Robert K. Dornan of California had his short speech stricken from the official verbatim record of House proceedings after a bit-ing attack on Mr. Clinton, who had honored a winner of the Congressional Medal of Honing his State of the Union address Tuesday night.

"Does Clinton think putting a Medul of Honor winner up there isn't going to recall for most of us that he avoided the draft three times and put teenagers in his place, possibly to go to Victnam?" Mr. Dornan said.

Clinton gave aid and comfort to the encmy," he added, noting that the president demonstrated against the war while a student at Oxford University in England.

At the request of Democratic leaders, Mr. Dornan's remarks were stricken from the House proceedings, but the Republican refused to apologize.

"I think the gentleman from California owes the entire institution, the Congress and the president an apology," said Vie Fazio of California, chairman of the House Demoeratic caucus. "We have to have a respect for the person who is our commander in chief." "Hell no." Mr. Dornan shot back. "Hell

He added, "I will not only not apologize. I believe the president did give aid and consfort in London to the enemy in Hanoi." (Reuers)

Quote/Unquote

Chariton Heston, the actor, quoting the final lines from Shakespeare's "The Tempest" in support of continued financing for the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities: "As you from crimes would pardoned be, let your indulgence set me free."

Too Long by Twice

Clinton's Oratory:

President's 82-Minute Talk Was Butt of Republican Jokes

KUTZTOWN, Pennsylvania - As President Bill Clinton came to this Pennsylvania Dutch town Wednesday to sketch again his vision of a government better geared to the grass roots, his aides pointed to Mr. Clinton's own last-minute rewriting as the reason his rendering of that message to Con-gress became an 82-minute marathon.

Saying that Mr. Clinton had been dissatisfied with the opening and closing passages of the near-final draft of the speech, the aides said that the president had spent late Tuesday afternoon huddled with his wife and top aides, dietating long pas-sages that were added to the

Together with interruptions for applause from the Republican-led Congress, Mr. Clinton's additions transformed an address that aides had timed at no more than 40 minutes into the longest State of the Union address a president bad ever deliv-

Even before it was over, administration officials acknowledged Wednesday, it had be-come the subject of dark humor among the audience on the floor of the House of Representatives, where-Senator Bob Dole of Kansas, the Republican Panetta, the White House chief of staff, and threatened to call for a recess.

Mr. Dole also said Wednesday that Senator Strom Thurmond, the octogenarian Republican from South Carolina, had questioned him halfway through the address about whether there would be an intermission.

Officially, the White House apressed no regrets about Mr. Clinton's loquaciousness, saying that surveys hy media organizations showed that the president had maintained the attention of his national television audience and that Americans had responded favorably to his appeal.

"There was a lot that he wanted to talk about," said Michael McCurry, the White House spokesman. Mr. McCurry said that Mr. Clinton had recognized that his additions were making the speech longer but had not expected Republicans to join in so many

interruptions for applause. But White House officials sounded privately rueful in conceding that a consequence of Mr. Clinton's long-windedness could be the diffusion of the themes he was trying to project as he battles for attention with the new Republican Congress.

Even as the president's mo-torcade carried him past flying flags and welcoming signs Wednesday morning along this town's Main Street, the White House had already been forced to contend with unwelcome questions left in the aftermath of the address.

While Mr. Clinton said that he favored an increase in the minimum wage, Mr. McCurry told reporters that the certainty of Republican opposition meant that the president would

Away From Politics

 The immate accused of murdering the serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer and another inmate, Jesse Anderson, has been found competent to stand trial. Christopher Scarver, 25, pleaded not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect to charges he killed the two on Nov. 28 at the Columbia Correctional Institution in Portage, Wisconsin.

· New Jersey will hold hearings into the construction accident that cut power to Newark International Airport, the state Board of Publie Utilities says. The Jan, 9 accident forced the cancellation of flights and stranded thousands of passengers.

 Drug companies can publish information about dosages for children without doing fullscale testing if the disease runs the same course in both children and adults and if the medication approved for it works similarly in both, the Food and Drug Administration says in issuing new regulations.

· President Bill Clinton and the FBI are being sued by three survivors of the raid on the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, and 60 relatives of those who died. Kirk Lyons, a U.S. lawyer, said that around \$300 million in compensation is being claimed.

• Robert Chambers, 28, expressed no remorse in the killing of a date when he appeared before a parole board in Albany. New York. Chambers has served 613 years of a 5- to 15-year sentence in the 1986 killing of Jennifer Levin, 18, whom he claimed be accidentally strangled during rough sex. He was denied parole for a second time and ordered held for at least another two years.

• The bloom is off for California's roses. The string of Pacific storms that brought clouds and rain to the state has damaged its rose crop. The log and the gloomy days prevent the roses from blooming properly," said Jack Oisen of the San Mateo County Farm Bureau. "We need sunny days and, basically, this year we've had none."

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Clinton Achieves a Toehold

A State of the Union address is normally about policies and promises. But at the center of President Bill Clinton's speech on Tuesday lay a political question: Can this president, after a decent first year and a disastrous second, regain his standing with the American people and his own party? What lent drama to this speech was not what it said about the future of America but what it would show about the future of one man.

Mr. Clinton is plainly aware how hard it is going to be to regain his footing. He cannot simply offer himself as a watereddown Newt Gingrich. But as be acknowledged in his first sentences, he cannot ignore the forces, including dissatisfaction with government in general and with his vacillating leadership in particular, that swept the Republicans to power.

The speech was extraordinarily long. but the president met the test of showing renewed engagement and the makings of an agenda that could compete with the Republicans'. He offered himself as a centrist alternative between the old-style Democrats and the new-style Republicans who have promised to take a sword to social programs. To that end, he pledged to reduce tax burdens on the middle class and "end welfare as we know it" - and to listen to Republicans who seek the same ends. But he stressed he would not accept fiscally irresponsible tax-cut proposals that would "explode" the deficit, put economic recovery at risk or diminish Medicare. On welfare, he said he agreed that the goal must be to move people from "dependence to independence," but that he would not countenance legislation designed to punish people "because they happen to be poor."

He offered only a few new programs— an unspecified increase in the minimum wage, an increased effort to identify illegal immigrants, a campaign against teenage pregnancy, an incremental approach to health-care reform. In a sense, this was a speech haunted by the president's own mistakes and missed opportunities. He challenged the Republicans to follow the spirit of campaign finance and lobbying legislation killed by the Democratic lead-ership of the last Congress. His "new covenant" language, taken directly from his acceptance speech at the 1992 Democratic convention, had more to do with the way he successfully campaigned in 1992 than the way he has ineffectively governed in the White House.

Mr. Clinton had some winning ideas. but the test for him is making those words live through his behavior. He can regain his authority and regain a chance with the voters only by putting prolonged attention and specific legislation behind a few key items such as welfare reform, ethics legislation, further and responsible "reinvention of government" and what he called his

'step-by-step" health-care reform. As has so often been the case with this president, it is not his intelligence or grasp of policies that is in doubt, but his follow-through. This speech met the minimum requirement of giving him a toehold from which he can begin a march over the ground he has lost.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Handling the Mexico Crisis

The financial explosion in Mexico spells potential trouble for the global economy. But Mexico is not the only place that is making financial markets and foreign capitals nervous. Attention is shifting from the Mexican liquidity crisis to Capitol Hill, where President Bill Clinton's \$40 billion rescue package has come under U.S. congressional scrutiny. Foreign investors and Mexican government officials will not be the only nervous observers. The rest of the international community also will be watching to see how a Democratic president and a new Republican majority respond to their first international crisis.

If the hearings and final drafting of an accord should degenerate into the sort of partisan wrangling, posturing and point scoring that has bogged down the legislative process in Washington for the past two years, then it will be clear that despite the talk of bipartisanship, politicians remain infatuated with conducting business us usual. That would be an unfortunate outcome, for Mexico and for the United States. More is at stake than the fortunes of the Zedillo government, foreign investors or the Democratic and Republican parties. The American and Mexican economies, while vastly different in scope and wealth, are nonetheless interdependent, as the debate on the North American Free Trade Agreement made plain. This crisis

undoubtedly will put on hold many of the benefits to be gained from NAFIA. But over the long haul, a growing Mexican market means more American exports and jobs. The way to get there is by stabilizing the Mexican peso and shoring up that country's economy. To do that is no act of charity; it serves American interests.

Critics who suggest that the guarantee simply puts \$40 billion of U.S. taxpayers' money on the stump and walks away have it all wrong. The administration has been negotiating what it believes will be regarded as strong economic conditions to guard against default. That can only be demonstrated in time. Steep up-front fees collected from Mexico for the loan guarantee. while good to have in hand, will not prevent a default. But receiving a portion of Mexico's oil revenue as collateral to offset potential losses due to a default does make good sense. So does the proposal to include conditions in the agreement that encourage the Mexicans to get away from the kind of shortsighted economic policies that helped bring on the crisis.

Congressional hearings aimed toward producing a consensus on how to help Mexico will richly serve economic interests on both sides of the burder. The administration and Congress can and should make Ibat happen.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Standby UN Police Needed

To protect a million-plus Rwandan refugees in Zaire, the United Nations appealed to 60 nations for peacekeepers. All 60 said no. The secretary-general then asked for a few dozen UN officers to support soldiers from Zaire. Again the answer was no. Falling back, Butros Butros Ghali now simply asks the Security Council to make available some Zairian troops assisted by civilian refugee officials. The prospects are uncertain.

In the camps there is no uncertainty, only desperation. The Hutu who perpe-trated genocide in Rwanda last spring carried many of their people, with their supporting community structures, into exile in Zaire. The international relief agencies found these structures essential to funnel in quick aid. But that gave new power and coin to the old Hutu hierarchy, including war criminals, who steal the aid and keep refugees from going home. A moral dilemma has split the agencies: Stay and sustain a regime of killers or leave and let suffering refugees

suffer more. This is the context in which the United Nations seeks to build an alternative security structure.

Last year's television pictures of the genocide publicized the need for emergency supplies, and many responded. But the humanitarian needs of the camps merge into an obscure zone of political struggle. and many lose interest. Dozens of countries were ready to send material aid. None is ready to expose its soldiers to risk for the Hutu. Nor is the problem confined to Rwanda. Its descent to a hollowed-out chaos is typical of the ethnic and national

disputes that now disfigure world politics. So many things remain to be done. Right at the top ought to be the establishment of a standby humanitarian foodand-police service, run out of the Security Council, where the United States has a veto, so that when the next quaking call comes, the secretary-general does not have to run around begging 60 distracted countries to help in vain.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

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There is no doubt the Israeli public. like the great majority of Palestinians, hungers for peace and a normal life. There is no doubt either that a feeling is growing, fed by the murderous attacks of the Islamic militants and the slow pace of the peace talks, that such a peace may not be achievable now.

If that view becomes hardened in policy then all the gains of recent years

could disappear, and decades might pass before the chance to seek peace recurs. Terrorism has been taking a frightful toll in Israel. But the toll if the terrorists are allowed to wreck the peace process will be more frightful still. For if terrorism wins, then all that Israelis and Palestinians will again be able to look forward to is an era devoid of hope and filled only with greater tensions, hatred and increased bloodshed.

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A Necessary U.S. Shift at a Perilous Mideast Moment

WASHINGTON — The bombers of Islamic Jihad target Israeli soldiers and civilians as their immediate prey. But the extremists also aim their blasts at the nebulous authority of Yasser Arafat, the peace-oriented Labor government of Yitzhak Rahin and the political systems of the Arab world.

The United States initially met the latest Middle East terror outrage with the customary appeals for calm, emphasizing

Arab leaders are bracing for a possible Israeli-Palestinian collapse and a surge in fundamentalist activity.

that terrorism cannot be allowed to derail the peace process. But this time the Clinton administration added welcome bite to the nostrums, deciding on Tues-day to freeze the assets in the United States of Islamic Jihad, Hezboliah and 10 other such groups.

This may signal that the United States is at last focusing on the broad geostrategic challenge posed by the revolutionary movements that shed blood in the name of Islam.

The Jihad bombers killed 19 youths on

By Jim Hoagland

Sunday at Netanya, bringing to 120 the number of Israelis who have died in terror attacks since Mr. Rabin and Mr. Arafat signed the Declaration of Principles accord on the White House lawn 16 months ago.

Outside appeals for calm and reason can do little now to stabilize the rapidly eroding local fortunes of Mr. Arafai and Mr. Rabin, whose fates are in their own hands. They need a dramatic breakthrough - what military men call an "escape forward" - to rally the plummeting confidence and faith of Palestinians and Israelis in each other. Otherwise their enterprise risks limping on to be fatally undermined by new outrages to come. The bombers seem close to accomplish-

ing the political destruction of Mr. Arafat and his Palestine National Authority. Israelis bave discovered that the problem with Mr. Arafat in the 1990s is not that he is evil and treacherous but that he is irrelevant. He cannot impose himself or his institutions on the turbulent, desperate society created by Israeli occupa-

tion and Palestinian revolt. The members of Mr. Arafat's 7,000man police force, poorly equipped and trained, have failed to establish control or even to try seriously to do so, to

the chagrin of Mr. Rabin's government. In a reversal of the zero-sum game they once played, Mr. Arafat's failure is now Mr. Rabin's failure. They sink or swim together. A mutual high-risk gamble on going ahead with Palestinian elections and a modified Israeli withdrawal just might let them escape forward and regroup as Mr. Arafat and the peace process gain new legitimacy. But it is admit-

tedly an enormous long shot. Mr. Arafat's zero-sum survival struggle is now with Hamas/Islamic Jihad/Hezbollah on one side and King Hussein of Jordan, the consummate survivor who has again stabilized his shaky position in Amman, on the other.

If Mr. Rabin's Palestinian option collapses, either Mr. Rabin or a new Likud government will retrofit the peace process with a Jordanian option for controlling the Palestinians.

Hussein, who backed Iraq in the Gulf War, has mended bridges with conserva-tive Arab states and the United States that once seemed beyond repair.

President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt

traveled to Amman last week to spotlight Hussein's return to the Arab fold. Mr. Mubarak bosted King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and President Hafez Assad of Syria three weeks ago. Their joint communique sounded a tough line on peace negotiations with Israel, suggesting that

Arab leaders are bracing for an Israeli-Palestinian collapse and a surge in funda-

mentalist activity. Israel is no longer at the center of the preoccupations of Arah rulers, who must concentrate on the terror and subversion campaigns of Hamas, of the Armed Islamic Group in Algeria, of the self-styled "Alghans" trying to overthrow Mr. Mu-

barak's regime and of other revolts.
The United States correctly says that there is no central coordinating body nor a monolith of Islamic revolutionary. movements and authorizes official U.S. contacts with the Algerian fundamentalists and others. That has infuriated Mr. Mubarak, Mr. Arafal, the Israelis and others. By stopping the transfer of funds from the United States to the terror groups, President Bill Clinton has made a necessary adjustment in a policy that had been too complacent.

The ruling political systems of the Arab world are intricately interlinked and form a society that as a whole has been remarkably open to Western influence and thought. With their different roots and influences, the revolutionaries rise to challenge that outward-looking society. The United States must fully recognize and combat the dangers involved in the deadly reach for power by

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Islamic Jihad and its bloody brothers. ... The Washington Post.

Mexico Rescue: U.S. Self-Interest Outweighs the Robin Hood Factor

WASHINGTON - There is an old saying among bankers that when someone owes you \$1,000 that's his problem, but when someone owes you \$1 million that's your problem. That bit of wisdom is good to remember as you listen to the demagogues opining that Mexico's debt crisis is Mexico's problem. Mexico owes the United States \$100 bil-

lion. That is America's problem.

This is frustrating for a lot of people to acknowledge. And they are right to feel frustrated. The \$40 billion rescue package that President Bill Clinton has proposed for Mexico is a crazy cross between highway robbery and self-interest — a joint venture by Pancho Villa and Robin Hood.

But on balance Washington has to go through with this bailout, because in today's inter-twined global economy the United States can't save itself without saving Mexico, and it can't bail out the little guy without bailing out the billionaires. A telling story in The Washing-

ton Post last week quoted "congressional sources" as saying that they saw "little political gain in approving ... a plan to bail out Mexico's economy when mem-hers, particularly Republicans, believe they were elected to deal

I've got news for those congressional sources: In today's intertwined, global market. Mexico is There is far more U.S. industrial investment and mutual-fund investment in Mexico today than there is in the U.S. state of New Mexico.

And the economic collapse of Mexico would damage the United States, Latin America and Canada far more than the bankruptcy of New Mexico. To some extent, "home" is where the wallet is, and right now, if the average American were to check his pension fund or mutual fund, he would find that his wallet is spread from Toronto to Tierra del Fuego. In the 1982 Mexican debt cri-

sis, Mexico's foreign debt was held by a few hig American

By Thomas L. Friedman banks. That crisis was resolved by 12 bankers sitting in a dining room with a few Mexican officials

Since then, though, global finance has been democratized. in today's global economy, the hlg holders of Mexican debt are not 12 banks but millions of individual Americans. If the Mexicans wanted to renegotiate with them, they would have to use

and rescheduling Mexico's loans.

Shea Stadium, not the 21 Club. But where things get even more complicated is that those millions of investors fall into two categories. In one category are speculators who borrowed billions of dollars at low interest rates in the United States years ago and invested them in Mexican bonds paying 11 percent. They made a killing, and now that things have gone sour, they are frantically di-aling 911 for Uncle Sam.

The problem is that the other investors in Mexico were pension fund and mutual fund managers. investing Americans' money in search of higher returns. And if Mexico goes bankrupt, not only will millions of Americans lose directly on their Mexican investments, but indirectly from lost trade, jobs and destabilized financial markets.

That is why Patrick Buchanan is a fraud when he postures as

protector of the "little guy" and argues against the Mexican bailout. The truly populist thing to do is to protect the people's money. and, like it or not. Robin Hood and Billionaire Bob have a joint peso account.

The Mexico crisis also demonstrates bow we bave gone from a world dominated by superpowers to a world dominated by super markets. It is the Tokyo, New York, London and Frankfurt bond markets that will bave as much say as governments in de-termining Mexico's fate.

In this crisis, the super markets told the Mexicans that they will only reinvest their money in Mexican bonds if Mexico repledging Mexican oil revenues as collateral. The Mexicans, and the Clinton team, initially resisted this appeal, telling the mar-kets that oil was Mexico's national patrimony, its crown jewels, and any Mexican government that hocked them could be toppled. They appealed to the markets to think of the big picture, Weren't U.S. government

guarantees enough? The markets said they were interested in the bottom line, not the big picture, and they preferred jewels. Mexico is now going to have to put some oil on the table. In the first major test between the superpowers and super markets, score this one for the markets.

The New York Times.

This Growing Indifference Endangers World Peace

D AVOS. Switzerland - The global economy is now enjoying its broadest expansion in years. But the world must not simply revel in its present prosperity, recession eventually will follow economic growth. We must, instead, take advantage of the opportunity now offered to act decisively on a number of challenges that lie beyond the

The principal threat to meeting these chailenges comes from a growing and widespread indifference to global issues in the developed world. Many people seem to have lost their will to take on global causes and bave reverted to apathy, boredom, cynicism or isolationism. In the face of increasing globalization, issues heyond policymakers' backyards are now ignored by many.

The absence of a Weltanschauung has been demonstrated in our collective reaction to many recent international developments. This is dangerous. In each development there lies a potential for greater trouble, which can affect more than those immediately concerned unless business and political leaders together give By Klaus Schwab and Malcolm MacLaren

each their concerned attention. Progress in reconciling ancient enemies in the Middle East, South Africa and Northern Ireland, for example, is threatened by this new indifference. Until tempers bave cooled and memories bave faded, reconciliation re-

To ensure these processes against extremist backlash, the international business community must bring in their money -- or privatize the peace," as Shimon Peres has put it.

Unul the international business community is ready for large-scale, long-term investment, development aid, however risky, must be committed and not merely pledged.

Future stability in these areas will be difficult to achieve if their inhabitants, many of whom remain suspicious of recent events, do not soon see some of the much-touted peace dividends. Should rejectionists succeed in

defeating these daring political initiatives, a new world disorder

people and others. But pushed to

the extreme, multiculturalists ar-

gued that the only forms of soli-

darity that counted were those

democratic citizenship argue that

preserving freedom is a coopera-

tive enterprise that carries burdens

of responsibility. We cannot just

walk away from social problems.

Against extreme multiculturalism.

advocates of democratic citizen-

ship argue that our sense of soli-

darity needs to transcend all our particularisms. Whites need to vin-

dicate the rights of blacks, blacks

the rights of whites, men those of

Those who value the idea of

within these particular groups.

The recent events in Mexico have demonstrated that the processes of economic reform and liberalization can be highly fragile. Like reconciliation, these pro-

cesses demand international sup-

port and encouragement. The way in which the internancial markets work in developing nations must be improved, through the establishment of new checks and balances, if these processes are to be ensured.

A certain apathy seems to per-vade discussions of critical societal, demographic and environ-mental affairs. Our crusading spirit in this area, so strong a few years ago, has seriously flagged.

The general public now attaeconomic disparity, population growth, disease, scarcity of resources, crime, refugee movements and environmental decay. Unless addressed, these problems threaten to bring profound stress and instability worldwide.

It will be too late to react when sucb "Third World issues" (as they are often dismissively

crats will not win the argument

unless they reverse these trends.

One worthy way of doing so is to

preach the rewards - and the

obligations - of democratic citi-

zenship. A government based on

this idea does not pretend to have

all the answers. Still less does it

claim the right to replace the civic

institutions of a free people with

its own. But neither is it an indif-

ferent government, because it rec-

ognizes that government either

strengthens or saps the ability of

problems and accept their moral

obligations to each other. In this

telling, government is not some

alien structure out there. It be-

citizens to live together, solve

termed) reach First World shores. The prevalent lack of interest today in global issues is manifest nowhere more clearly than in the muted response to the 50th anniversary of the United Nations. ..

The UN could go far toward meeting many of the challenges beyond growth, but it is crippled by underfunding and parochialism. Countries endlessly debate their dues and their relative weight in policymaking rather than the role of the institution or the the issues themselves.

The United States is arguably the most guilty of this. In a world that needs leadership more than ever, the one country that can effectively provide it is suffering from a severe outbreak of isola-

Not surprisingly, the UN has been indecisive, incoherent and toothless in the former Yugoslavia. Its members are unable to strike a realistic and credible compromise among the competing claims of the different factions and then to unite behind it.

Moreover, the UN cannot agree to bring force to bear if necessary to back up a compromise. The guidelines for a new type of selective security must be clearly defined. Failing this, the prospects range from the outbreak of a major war between Serbia and Croatia to the breakdown of U.S.-Russian cooperation and the division of Europe once more along hostile lines.

A dangerous mindset now dominates the developed world and is crippling thinking and efforts in international affairs.

Business and political leaders must overcome this collective indifference and meet the challenges beyond growth. We must shape the future as we will - or we must accept any unpleasant surprises it holds.

Mr. Schwab is founder and president of the World Economic Forum and member of the High-Level Advisory Board to UN Secretary-General Butros Butros lance journalist.

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1895: Japanese Are Hit

KAIPING - General Seh has again shown unexpected activity. Word was brought in on Tuesday [Jan. 22] that he was advancing from the direction of Yingtsu with 10,000 men, inclusive of a strong force of artillery. On Thursday the Chinese were near Tai-Hei-Yen. During the night the enemy's guns opened fire at long range on the advanced Japanese lines.

1920: The Rhine Watch

on the Rhine prove too heavy for France? 'No.' replied M. Millerand, though France misses the American co-operation, she will not sustain the burden of the occupation of the Rhenish Provinces alone. Military arrangements are being made to grant her the help of Allied contingents. The Rhine is not only the frontier of France, but also of England and Italy - these two countries will help France to keep watch over it."

1945: To the Rhine's End

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Gaulle declared yesterday [Jan. 25] that when the war is over French troops will mount guard on the Rhine "from end to end" and that "the whole world should know this." In reply to another question General de Gaulle said somewhat bitterly that France had not been invited to the threepower conference.

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When Government Empowers and Citizens Feel a Duty

WASHINGTON - Newt Gingrich performed a huge service for President Bill Clinton last week. By forcing the president to defend his national service program. Mr. Gingrich has given him a chance to shift the political debate from a moldy contest over "more" or "less" government to one about prior questions: What should government do in the first place, and what obligations do democratic citizens have to one another?

The service program is certainworth defending in its own right, and the best arguments for have been made over the years by conservatives.

One of the most useful pieces of work done by conservative intellectuals over the last two decades was a 1977 essay, "To Empower People," by Peter Berger and the Reverend Richard John Neuhaus. They argued that if government relentlessly took over all charitable functions, it would endanger socicty's "mediating structures" - the institutions created by families. communities and churches - that nurture individual virtue and "mediate" between government and the individual. Government, they said, should make strengthening

these institutions a central goal. That, roughly, is what the service program does. The volunteers for AmeriCorps, as the main service agency is called, do not work for a federal bureaucracy. They work for established local institutions that are trying to solve problems; preventing crime, teaching literacy, immunizing children against disense. helping the homebound elderly.

curbing teen pregnancy. The main function of the program's Washington arm, the Corporation for National and Community Service, is to monitor the By E. J. Dionne Jr.

programs, simply to make sure they are doing broadly what they claim to be doing. Why spend any federal money on this sort of thing? Because the voluntary sector needs strengthening, and because federal money

spent to supplement voluntary activities has a big payoff. A lot of volunteer organizations are having trouble finding people. Many parents - both parents - necessarily spend so much time working and then raising their kids that they don't have a lot of time left over. Eli Segal, who heads the service program, sees it as "an effective way of filling in the holes" in the voluntary sector and a recognition of "the cords that bind us together as a people."

This last point is why the hroader argument raised by the service program is so important. The idea of democratic citizenship inherent in the program is one idea capable of answering the problems of two other ideas that are gaining currency in American politics: radical individualism and extreme multiculturalism.

Both ideas start at reasonable places. Almost all of us are individualists; we value autonomy and freedom. But radical individualism suggests that we are completely free agents, thus denying the reality that our freedom depends on preserving a community that is civil, just, tolerant and nurturing of the other values on which freedom depends. Apart from such a community, freedom withers.

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understand" all that the presi-

Multiculturalists started out with the fair argument that too little attention was paid to the con-

women and women those of men. The Clinton administration has been obsessed with its failure to "communicate" its achievements to the American people. This is the wrong obsession. It implies that the American people are too dumb or too hamboozled by Republican propaganda to

dent has been doing. What the administration should vorry about instead is that it is losing the political argument. Americans have surveyed what they see as a series of messes crime, family breakup, stagnating living standards for many in the middle - and a majority has decided (tentatively) that the best way to deal with all of them may be for government to do little more than throw the book at criminals.

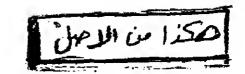
There is a corresponding retreat into enclaves. Suburbanites, to pick one example, are tempted to give up on the inner cities, figuring they have enough problems of their own. Think of it as the suburban for male or white)

answer to multiculturalism. Mr. Clinton and the Demo-

The Washington Post. IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

NEW YORK - The interview with M. Millerand published in the New York Herald here has created a most favorable impression. The article cahled to the Herald says: "M. Millerand prefers deeds and actions to academic discussions, so there was no hesitancy on my part in putting to him this question: 'Will the watch PARIS - General Charles de

OPINION



Time to End This Assault On the Honor of a Nation

By George F. Will

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton is looking for love in all the wrong places, with fatuities like a "middle-class bill of rights" and banalities like another increase in the minimum wage. He could add 10 easy points to his approval rating without spending a dime or more than five minutes of his time. But before saying how, consider how life has felt to many Americans during recent decades

of in-your-face government. Their cluldren have been hused away from neighborhood schools. Their children have come home

Democrats don't seem to understand the anger over the Smithsonian's antics.

from school, using the condoms they got there as book marks in the books they got there ("Heather Has Two Mommies" and "Daddy Has a Roommate"), condoms that are facets of sex education designed to compensate for the presumed hack-

wardness of the parents. They have seen courts concoct myriad constitutional impediments to the execution of even vicious killers, and have seen courts make it problematic for parents even to be notified when their minor children want to have abortions. They have seen their nation's electoral map smeared with congressional districts shaped like road kill so that some government-certified victim group can enjoy an entitlement to send one of its own to Washington.

They have seen the federal government weave a racial, ethnic and sexual spoils system, the premise of which is that life in America is so dismal that about 280 percent of the population qualifies for victim status. (A Hispanic-surnamed leshian qualifies three times over — four if she is "disabled" by the "stress" of working.) They have been called yahoos for objecting to their tax dollars being used to display photographs of hullwhips in rectums and crucifixes in jars of urine. They have recently seen their tax dollars finance the writing of ideologically tendentious standards for the teaching of history (19 refer-ences to McCurthyism, none to Thomas Edison; the foundings of the Sierra Club and National Organization for Women are considered momentous: so are Prudence Crandell and Speckled Snake).

The Smithsonian Institution, like the history standards, is besotted with the cranky anti-Americanism of the campuses where the American left has gone to lick its wounds. rationalize its irrelevance and teach the humanities as an indictment of America as a hlemish on Western civilization. Four years ago the Smithsonian produced an "art" exhibit, "The West as America," wherein westward expansion was portrayed as an alloy of only three unique culture to Manchuria, China, elements - capitalist rapacity. Southeast Asia and the Philippines. genocide and ecocide. And now the On television lust Sunday the Smithsonian is hip-deep io an- president's chief of staff. Leon Pa-



We're rewritten the war with Japan; now I suggest we rewrite the history of the war with Germany from the Nazi view. Poor things have been misunderstood lately.'

other morass of its own making. For the 50th anniversary this August of Hiroshima, the Smithsonian is planning to display the fuselage of the Enola Gay, the B-29 that dropped the homb. The Smithsonian wants to portray Japan as yet another victim of racist, imperialist America. Said the Smithsonian's initial script, "For most Aniericans, this ... was a war of vengeance. For most Japanese it was a war to defend their unique culture against Western imperial-ism." Never mind that the Japanese

used havonets to try to pin their On television last Sunday the netta, was asked if he understood such mush about assaults on the how annoying the Smithsonian's anties are to many people.

He said: We are in a "transition period" and people are "angry about a lot of things" - govern-ment, their security, their children's future - and we need "tough decisions" and not "simplified answers." Mr. Paoetta's questioner tried again, asking if Mr. Panetta could sympathize with people who say, "Can't the government in Washington even display artifacts without attacking the country." Mr. Panetta replied that "there are legitimate views on all sides of difficult issues like that."

Five minutes, maximum. Ten points, minimum. Until Democrats stop talking Washington Post Writers Group.

sinfulness." Etc.

nation's values and honor, their par-

ty will continue to wither. But sup-

the White House press room and,

with appropriate podium-pounding, declared: "Heads are going to roll

and lunds are going to become scarce at the Smithsonian unless the

cloth-headed, condescending per-

petrators of such insulting rubbish

quit using our money to tell us that

our nation is nasty and that we are

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me Mr. Panetta's boss strode into

Front-Page Psychologizing Has Gotten Out of Control

By Ben Yagoda

SWARTHMORE, Pennsylvania — In Philadelphia not long ago, a teenager was hludgeoned to death hy a gang wielding a haseball hat. What was striking about the local news coverage was how little space was devoted to the horrible act and how much to a kind of interpretive

MEANWHILE

free-for-all: the easting of hlame on the 911 emergency-call system. leading to the mayor's firing of several dispatchers, all of them black: black leaders' outrage at this "scapegoating"; the mayor's outrage that race had been injected

into the whole thing.
In fact, the arc of this story was not unusual. A typical front page of a 1990s American newspaper consists of articles about people's assorted resentments, disappointments, predictions, anger, optimism or pessimism concerning one thing or another, as well as one or two accounts of murders, invasions and other events.

This approach is the outgrowth of two long-standing journalistic genres of borderline legitimacy: the "mood of a nation" and "reaction" stories. Politicians have always used the latter to their advantage. Thus the long-time mayor of Baltimore. William Donald Schaefer, acquired a niekname from the near-Homeric formula used in headlines about him:

Mayor Annoyed." But oow, politicians reactions theniselves stimulate reactions. A eriticism of former Mayor David Dinkins of New York was that after terrible things happened in the city, the mayor never appeared upset enough. He finally called a news conference and told reporters. "I will endeavor to express myself in such fashion that the least percep-tive among you will understand that I'm angry as hell."

Journalists have begun to concern themselves with subtle, sometimes minute, psychological distinctions. worthy of a Henry James, as in the following headlines I've collected: "Clinton Is Leery of Premature Joy"; "Chronic Pessimism Haunts Germans": "Giants Are Sad, hut Not Sorry." There are even stories about the absence of an emotion: "Bush Choice Fails to Upset Top Aide." Another treasure trove of the

state-of-miod story is the sports section. Merely reporting games won, contracts inked and injuries suffered wouldn't satisfy the sports fan's hunger for reading matter. And so he can read "Stunned Islanders Fight Off Despair" and "Hawkeyes View Paterno's Gloom Skepucally.

The latter is an example of what l call a "double" - reporting a state of mind about another state of mind. Others from my file: "American Jews Furious at Bush's Criticism of Israel": "GOP Fears Overconfidence in South": "Schmidt Says He's Both-ered hy Pessimism of Fans, Media"; "Islander Malaise Has Arbour Angry" and (a persocal favorite) "Gloom at Saatchi Spawns Anger."

A triple is a much rarer thing. One of the few on my list is about the Red Sox manager: "Hobson Fires Back at Critics of His Toughness."

In part, journalism is merely following deeper trends. In his book "Historical Consciousness," the historian John Lukaes argues that the most salient characteristic of the modern world is the triumph of mind over matter, the sense in which consciousness in many forms now takes precedence over physical reality.

There is also a less cosmie, but maybe more important, explanation for the emotion fetish: editorial laxness. Led on hy spin doctors, gaping news holes, perceived demand and simple fashioo, reporters and edi-tors have let the flimsiest concoctions pass as news. I'm pessimistic about reversing the trend.

Mr. Yagoda, who teaches journal-ism at the University of Delaware, is writing a history of The New Yorker. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Call for UN Action

The horrendous and despicable act of terrorism in Israel on Sunday demands an immediate response from the UN Security Council under its charter mandate to promote "international peace and security."

There is not the slightest doubt that this and other repeated acts by fundamentalists are designed to halt the peace process initiated on Sept. 13, 1993, on the lawn of the White House and in which so many have invested their efforts and hopes.

A demand should be forthcomine from the highest organs of the Unit-ed Nations to the effect that states which are labeled terrorist, or supporters of terrorism, should take heed that the international community has staked too much to allow Nations, Europe.

peace to be frustrated. If the Security Council can intervene in war it surely has the right to intervene to prevent state parties from supplying physical and moral support to disrupt a pregnant peace process.

Because the United Nations has such an unbalanced record in the 50 years of conflict in the Middle East, has been practically excluded from the ongoing peace process.

Now is the opportunity to prove its bona fides by resoundingly condemning parties and states directly or indirectly responsible for these repeated acts of terror.

MORRIS B. ABRAM. Geneva. The writer is the chairman of

UN Watch and a former U.S. permanent representative to the United

Tolstoy and Grozny

Regarding "A Troubled Conscience on the Road to Groiny" (Meanwhile Jun. 20) by Peter Crane:

Neither Tolstoy nor any other Russian attacked Grozny during the 19th-century conquest of the Caucasus: the place was an imperial Russian outpost. It began as a Russian fort in 1818. General Alexei Ermolov (the Russian proconsul of the Caucasus from 1816 to 18271 chose the name "Grozny" in hope of terrorizing the local Chechens (the Russian word means terrible" or "dreadful").

More antagonized than scared, the indigeoous population was understandably hostile to this incur-

prolonged war to subjugate the northern Caucasus (a goal essentially achieved in 1859 with the surreoder of Shamil, the imam of Chech-

nya and Dagestan). After the discovery of oil in its area in the 1830s, Grozny grew into a town of some commercial importance, always under exclusively Russian authority. During his military service in the early 1850s young Tolstoy went to Grozny, but as a touristic visitor.

When Tolstoy wrote "Hadji Murat" during 1896-1904, he presented the hornific aftermath of a Russian assault on the Chechen village Makhket. As for "The Raid," the Russian text of the slory does not name the village attacked by the imperial army sion, and Chechnya became a major nor even mention Chechnya, though theater of operations in Russia's Tolstoy was indeed stationed in a

Russian Cossack settlement on that territory's northern frontier.

SUSAN LAYTON. Paris. The writer is author of "Russian Literature and Empire: Conquest of the Caucasus From Pushkin to Tolstoy."

Stop and Do Jump Squats

Regarding "On Road, Drowsiness Is as Deadly as Drink" (Dec. 10): Pulling over to sleep is not the ooly solution. To combat drowsiness, you can stop the car and do jump squats, or run (in situ or around), until the heartbeat races. Or, if this is too strenuous, equally effective is to sing or shout at the top of your lungs nonstop.

MONROE SOLOMKA. Bilbao, Spain,

Positive Budget Input Despite the political and editori-

fury about the U.S. budget deficit, I have yet to read mention of the millions of newly employed Americans who presumably are now paying income tax. With their input, should not the deficit and interest thereon decline?

LOWELL SENNETT. Lafat, France,

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By John Noble Wilford New York Times Service

EW YORK - At the end of their bright lives, their nuclear fires spent and the heavy hand of gravity bearing down, stars of the most massive kind muster one last spurt of energy and go out with a bang.

First the cataclysmic collapse: The star's iron core implodes, shrinking in less than a second from a diameter of several thousand miles to an extremely dense ball of 40 miles (65 kilometers), with no loss of mass. Then the explosion: Milliseconds after the collapse, in an eruption that is among the most violent evenis in nature, all of the star's outer layers blow apart. For a brief time, the firehall shines with the brilliance of 100 billion stars.

These spectacular supernovas, scattering stellar ashes hither and yon, are acts of cosmic renewal. The debris becomes the stuff of interstellar dust, new planets and life itself. Nearly all the atoms of carbon. siticon, calcium and iron that make up a person's body weight and nearly alt the oxygen in water and air had their origins inside these doomed stars.

For decades astrophysicists studying su-pernovas could understand the forces causing the sudden collapse but were at a loss to explain the explosion. Now they

By simulating the inner workings of supernovas with supercomputers, scientists

Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico have discovered the mechanism that is most likely to trigger the explosion.

It is the work of convection currents in the gaseous envelope surrounding the star's just-collapsed core. Like water brought to a boil in a pot, the gas is heated by neutrinos, the energetic, virtually massless subatomic particles radiated by the extremely hot core. In about a tenth of a second, the buildup of pressure blows the

hid off the star's shell. The phenomenon was described at a meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Tucson by Dr. Willy Benz, a University of Arizona astronomer, and Dr. Marc Herant, a Los Alamos astrophysicist. Another model of the same mechanism was reported by a group led by Dr. Adam S. Burrows, a theoretical astrophysicist at Arizona, and including Dr. John C. Hayes of Arizona and Dr. Bruce A. Fryzell of the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland.

"This is a real breakthrough," said Dr. Alex Filippenko, an astronomer at the University of California at Berkeley. "For the first time, we think we know how the explosion bappens." The new models explain not only the

some of its observed effects, including the dispersal of heavy elements in the debris, the overall asymmetric shape of the supernova fireball and the behavior of pulsars. Left behind after the explosion is a stellar

cause of the explosion, scientists said, but

tron stars, spinning rapidly, emit pulsaring radio signals, and so are called pulsars.

Previous models had been unsatisfactory because, though it was known that the stellar collapse generated tremendous energy, scientists could not show how the heat could be transferred from the core into the outer layers in sufficient amounts to set off the explosion. One explanation was that the shock wave from the collapse reverberating outward might lead to the supernova. But in other simulations, this never seemed to occur.

O the dismay of scientists, the shock wave always stalled out be-fore it could produce an explosion. In such an event, the star, instead of exploding, would probably disappear into a black hole, a concentration of mass so dense that no radiation can escape its gravitational grip.

"The sudden, near one-millionfold compression of the core makes it fantastically hot, on the order of several bundred billion degrees," Dr. Herant said. "It becomes a huge reservoir of beat energy, more than 100 times the amount of energy needed to power a supernova. The problem then is how to tap that energy."

For their simulations of the death throes of massive stars, the researchers used powerful computers capable of running millions of calculations a second. They could thus test models by plotting changes oc-

at the University of Arizona in Tucson and corpse known as a neutron star, the dense curring in microseconds and determining core stripped of everything else. Some neumodern physics. They were able to model the actions and reactions in two and sometimes three dimensions, not the one dimension to which previous simulations had been limited.

The scientists also benefited from detailed studies of SN1987A, the closest supernova to be observed in the last 400 years. The stellar explosion became visible in February 1987 in the Large Magellanic Cloud, a galactic neighbor of the Milky Way. The last one seen in the Milky Way itself was recorded by Johannes Kepler in 1604.

Stars of more modest size, like the sun, do not come to explosive ends. When they deplete their nuclear fuel, their outer layers gently drift away into space and the stars cool off, becoming dim white dwarfs. (That fate is at least five hillion years away for the sun.) But stars that are g to 100 times more massive than the sun have shorter life spans and more catastrophic deaths. The nearby giant star Betelgeuse is a prime candidate to expire some day as a

supernova.
When such a massive star exhausts its primary fuels of hydrogen and then belium, it must consume successively heavier elements that have been produced in its

This is an act of desperation, and for a time the energy released prevents the star from collapsing under its own weight. But when by this process the star's core finally turns to iron, it is the beginning of the end.

IN BRIEF

Test for Prostate Cancer is Found to Be Reliable

NEW YORK (NYT) - Researchers reported Wednesday the first strong evidence that a widely used blood test for prostate cancer accurately detects a significant majority of cancers that will later grow, spread and become deadly. The news should ease nagging doubts about the test that have troubled many doctors and patients.

The test, known as PSA, could find 80 percent of aggressive prostate cancers five years before they would otherwise have been detected and could find half of all aggressive prostate tumors 10 years before

they would have been noticed.

But the study, published in The Journal of the American Medical Association, did not address the pressing question of whether treating prostate cancer early saves lives. In some cancers, like lung cancer, even early detection and treatment do not make a difference in survival rates. Because the treatment for prostate cancer bas many serious side effects, the debate over the use of the test continues.

Lack of Hormone May Cause Diabetes Complication

NEW YORK (NYT) - A painful and sometimes disfiguring complication of dia-betes may be caused by an underproduction of a hormone that nourishes and maintains the body's nervous system, according to a new theory.

The theory offers a novel explanation

for the condition known as diabetic neuropathy, a gradual deterioration of peripheral nerves that generally affects old patients and initially causes a painful hurning sensation in the hands and feet. It can lead to foot amputations, impotence, incontinence and gastrointestinal problems. It had been thought that the condition was caused by too much sugar in the blood, but the new theory suggests that it is caused by a deficiency of a recently discov-

ered nerve growth factor. If this idea is correct, it may be possible to prevent nerve damage by supplementing the body's own supply of this hormone with daily injections, said Dr. Douglas Ishii, a biochemist at Colorado State University.

U.S. Meteorologists Issuing Longer-Term Forecasts

NEW YORK (NYT) - From now until June at least, it is likely to be warmer than normal most of the time in most of the United States, according to the first of a new generation of forecasts that the National Weather Service has begun issuing a year

or more in advance. Until now government meteorologists have issued forecasts for no more than three months in advance, and then only to describe the chances that a given area would be warmer, colder, wetter or drier than normal. They believe that now with com-puter simulations and statistical analyses of past weather patterns on which long-term forecasts are based, they may be able to extend the horizon of their predictions.

PARIS FASHION

Saint Laurent: Venus Emerging From a Tuxedo

By Suzy Menkes nunonal Herald Tribune

ARIS - The embroidered bodice rose like Botticelli's Venus -not from a shell, but from a tuxedo jacket ringing the hipline.

In a virtuoso couture performance. Yves Saint Laurent played couture conjuring tricks: chiffon handkerchiefs plucked from the bosom of curvy jackets; or satin lapels unfurling from the knees. In one tuxedo double act, an absinthe-green satin jacket with kngfisher-blue lapels was worn with a black dress rising from

pink lapels. "It was a *jeu d'esprit*, but very difficult to do technically — almost impossible, said Saint Laurent of his witty, wondrous and utterly chic takes on his signature tuxedo.

The French have the word for Saint Laurent's masterly elegance: im-pec-cable, rapped out in three syllables like the click of heels on a Paris sidewalk. From its plain tailored opening to its lyrical bunerfly-strewn ending, Saint Laurent's cut, fit, use of color and decoration was impec-

cable in any language. Or try the French irréprochable and read that as the neat charm of the bourgeoisie: a dogtooth blazer, given a tweak by using natural and brown, instead of black and white; or a mannish suit softened with a rose-pink pinstripe and matching puffsleeved satin blouse. Touches of the 1940s came with platform shoes and perky cocktail hats, aflutter with butterflies. They cheered up day wear that was perfectly predictable, while the

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evening clothes were magical. Butterflies were the show's theme: not just transluscent wings alighting on the hats, but as graphic prints on the trim day dresses, or swarming on the brocade for the bridal gown, its That retro feeling had spread even to the runways of Guy Laroche, but designer Michel Klein, brocade for the bridal gown, its

comes from an effortless mastery of technique that is the distilled essence of haute couture. So in three exceptional dresses, white satin just insinuated itself to the figure, hibiscus-red crepe slithered from its V-neckline and raspberry chilfon poured like a melung sorbet.

"The man reached perfection - and it is not often we see that," said loyal client Nan Kempner, while Nicole Fischefashion director of Saks Fifth Avenue, plans to put all the tuxedos in the store's Manhattan windows.

If the Balmain show was Oscar de la Renta's swan song the is threatening to return to New York), it had some fine feathers. But they were not necessarily the Swan Lake plumes on a pastel-pink ball gown with dyig-duck headgear. And dei nitely not the techno bright chiffon coats edged in marabou

like sleazy lingerie.
Instead, de la Renta showed a new incisiveness with his scissors, cutting a mean suit, with long jackets seamed taut to the torso and skirts hovering on the knee. In mimosa yellow or navy traced with white, they made seen so far for the summer sea-

said de la Renta's huddy U.S. Ambassador Pamela Harmain's bot coral or sweet pas-

right out of the Balmain's 1950s archives, by way of John Galliano, whose couture spoofs in ready-to-wear have come to roost in this couture season.

colors reflecting the vivid flow- 37, honed on old fashion magaers decorating the runway arch. zines and flea market finds, gave
The purity and simplicity of a youthful touch to the camp-



some of the best client clothes Saint Laurent's sheath dress rising from a tuxedo skirt.

heels, but colors were sunny, dame and stiletto heels. riman, who was wearing a wine- from tequila sunrise orange red and navy Geoffrey Beene through golden yellow, and styl-suit, but talking about Balized hair and hats were witty. So

> soft dresses supposedly built to nese court and from her 200 the body. But at least he made clients. enchanting cover-ups of airy stoles with Chinoiserie embroi-

modern pantsuits and simple ding gown.

The colors, I loved the col- couture style. The models were trench coats - doubly welcome fitted suits and teetered on high in a season fixated on jolie ma-So did Hanae Mori know

that Saint Laurent had netted ized hair and hats were witty. So her signature butterflies? Her was the question mark jewel sus- favorite motif was replaced pended from the straps of a little with a striking print of a carp black dress. with a striking print of a carp down the front of an evening Draped cocktail jackets and fluffy ball gowns, not to mention the wedding dress with feathers on the skirt, looked a lattice of pleats that were wellwrought although they were en-titled "Mission Impossible." hardly get the collection fintitled "Mission Impossible." hardly get the collection fin-Klein's lack of technique got him into trouble with lingerie-on her ateliers from the Japa-

> They will love her scalloped suits cut on the curve, petaled skirts and the off-the-shoulder The best of his show were the bodice that made a pretty wed-

Pasteur, the Past and the Future

By Barry James tional Herold Tribuni

ARIS - In the beginning was this simple question: Can life be formed from nonliving matter? Scientists and philosophers used to believe so. But from instinct huttressed by observation and ceaseless experimentauon, Louis Pasteur knew that invisible life is all around, in air and water, mostly for the good but also for the ill of mankind. Much later, the development of electron microscopes enabled researchers to see the teeming life that Pasteur could only postulate from experience.

By the time Pasteur died 100 years ago an event that is being marked in Paris and in several cities around the world with exhibitions and scientific conferences the theory of "spontaneous generation" out of nothing had been laid to rest.

Pasteur did not say it could not happen He merely wrote in a notebook that he had been looking for it for 20 years and could not find it. Better, he said, to stick to conclusions from established facts.

A distinctive Pasteurian style endures at the institute bearing his name in Paris and at 23 related institutions around the world. According to Maxime Schwartz, directorgeneral of the institute here, this style has three elements:

 The idea that science has its applicalions just as a tree bears fruit.

 A belief in the progress of science.
 A strong humanitarian spirit, directed particularly toward developing countries. Although the institute no longer owns production companies, it has agreements with two pharmaceutical companies.

Rhone-Poulenc and Sanoff, which pay royalties in return for access to its research and the use of its name. The institute in France gets about 36 percent of its income from such activities, 30 percent from the government and the rest from gifts and The Pasteur Institute opened in 1888 to

treat rabies, after an international public subscription supported among others by this newspaper, which reported, "special buildings outside are arranged for dogs. pigeons, guinea pigs, rabbits and the various other animals that are to suffer in the use of science."

Today the land on which those buildings stood is occupied by high-tech laboratories, a hospital and a recently opened scientific library and information center, which was



Louis Pasteur: An unseen world.

built with the help of a 274 million franc (\$52 million) legacy from the sale of jewelry bequeathed by the Duchess of Windsor. Pasteur had demonstrated in 1885 that

rabies, a certain killer caused by a virus, could be cured by the timely application of a vaccine prepared from the saliva of an infected animal. His first patient, survived, ic in which Pasteur was accused of poisoning people rather than curing them. But Pasteur and his assistants were eventually able to prove that the method was safe in all but a few cases in which the treatment was administered too late.

At the end of his life, Pasteur was able to ay, "Where are the contradictions now? They have disappeared, but the truth remains." Another Pasteur saying, still much quoted by researchers at the institute, is that discoveries — like Luc Montagnier's identification of the virus that causes AIDS -- come to "the prepared mind,"

Dr. Montagnier's long battle with Robert Gallo of the United States over who first discovered the human immunodeliciency virus was reminiscent of Pasteur's fight with the German biologist Robert Koch over the reproduction of certain germs by spores. Dr. Montagnier won his argument, which Dr. Schwartz said "is more important for moral and ethical, than for economic reasons.

WHAT THEY RE READING

To mark the anniversary, the institute has organized an exhibition on Pasteur's life and work, in addition to the permanent museum containing his apartment, working a quarters and library. The exhibition, "Une Vie pour la Vie" (A Life for Life), shows how Pasteur's research on seemingly unrelated subjects — crystals, silkworms, beer and wine, and finally infectious disease were links in a chain that has had a profound impact on chemistry, agriculture, industry, medicine, surgery, hygiene, immunology and the development of vaccines.

After identifying the microbe wreaking havoc among silkworms and thus saving the French silk industry, Pasteur turned at the age of 49 to research into the causes and treatment of infectious and contagious diseases. He identified the anthrax bacterium, the microorganism responsible for gas gangrene, the staphylococcus and streptococcus bacteria and the chicken cholera bacillus.

ASTEUR had a mawkish sense of humor allied to a sense of the theatrical. After he said that chickens could not contract anthrax, a rival set out to prove him wrong by injecting birds with infected material—in vain. After taunting his challenger for some time, Pasteur produced a dead bird. Cause of death? Anthrax. What Pasteur knew and his rival did not was that birds would not become infected at ordinary temperature, but would if frozen. He put his bird in a tub of ice water before administering the infected material.

The Pasteur Institute's main vocation remains the struggle against infectious disease — new ones, and old ones prevalent in Pasteur's day such as tuberculosis that have been driven back in industrialized countries and are now returning in a more virulent form. Dr. Schwartz points out that in many of the developed countries with which the Pasteur Institute is involved they have never gone away.

Centennial events include a traveling exhibition in the United States, the reopening of the house where Pasteur was born and the restoration of his laboratory in the Ecole Normale in Paris, where he performed the first rabies innoculations.

There will also be colloquiums in Rio de Janeiro, Hanoi, Dakar, Tahiti, New York and Paris. The commemoration will close on Sept. 28, the anniversary of Pasteur's death, with the awarding of a prize to a scientist chosen for service to public health.

BOOKS

FABLES OF ABUNDANCE: A Cultural History of Advertising in America

By Jackson Lears. 492 pages. \$30. Basic Books.

Reviewed by Alan Pell Crawford N 1919, a defiant advertising

copywriter named Sherwood Anderson proclaimed in "Winesburg Ghio" his determi-nation "to see beneath the surface" of American life. No sooner could Anderson commit those bold words to the page. however, than Camel cigarettes began advertising its product with the illustration of a bold individualist, who gazed with arch sophisucation at the ciga-rette he held between thumh and forefinger. "Camels are made for men who think for themselves," the ad announced. They're the men who demand real quality in everything they buy. They look deeper than the

surface. Jackson Lears's "Fables of Abundance" examines many things (the iconography of 19th-century chromolithographs, America's obsession with body odor) but one theme suggested by the case of "Winesburg's" author outnanks the rest: Intentionally or not. Lears has written a fair account of the frenzied efforts of self-regarding court. of self-regarding aesthetes and intellectuals to stay one step ahead of the technical virtuosos of the image business. Mostly,

they failed. For avant-garde artists and transformed by huving the tuals superiorities of mind and

• John Frederic Murray, prolessor at the Cardiovascular Re-search Institute of the University of California School of Medicine, is reading "The Forgotten Plague: How the Battle Against Tuberculosis Was Won - and

"It is also about the development of antibioucs in general, with work by Swedish and Swiss and German chemists. It's a fascinating tale."

writers who exalted life in extre-

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There are comic aspects to

this Vanity Fair, but Lears is far

100 earnest a scholar to see

them. His sympathies are so clearly with the poets and

no more success than theirs. His undertaking, to be fair, is

a large and noble onc. Advertis-

ing, he argues, has "helped re-

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Lost" by Frank Ryan.



goods they hawk, robbing objects of their reality by turning them (and everything else) into commodities. We have lost much in the process, be says.

That may be so, but there is not a great deal in this book to men. "It was becoming more

convince us of its truth - and too little about advertising. The utle itself is somewhat misleading. "Fables of Abundance" is less a history of advertising than a study of its critics, most painters that he seems unable to of whom knew next to nothing

view advertising except through their eyes, and his struggles to comprehend its baffling, perof the business. This book is to advertising what Ken Burns's late lamented haps fearful effects meet with series on baseball was to the national pastime. "Baseball" was less about baseball than about what the game has meant to a certain kind of middle-class intellectual, and the same may be said of advertising and "Fa-

advertisers have replaced the bles of Abundance. American intellectuals have sion" with the "excitement of long found advertisements (and commercel loathsome, and men have encouraged us to be Lears documents this loathing. lieve our very souls could be But he exaggerates the intellec-

soul to the admen's, and by so doing may have overlooked a source of the intellectual's hostility toward his commercial counterpart. Novelists and painters are manipulators of images too, after all, and they can be as facile in their sleight of hand and as prey to self-deception as the most cymical Madison Avenue smoothie. The supposedly independent

academician in his lecture hall and the artist in his studio may fear that they are not really so superior to the copywriter and art director, and their rage may be a response to their recogni-tion of this unflattering fact. They probably suspect this about themselves, even if Lears does not.

Lears seems no less suscepti ble to intellectual fads than copywriters and art directors are to commercial ones. He writes of the "triumph of a positivistic version of Cartesian du-alism, "an associatist notion of causality" and an "imperial primitivism [that] implied a diaectical rather than a dualistic relationship hetween white Christendom and the 'lower beings.' " After 400 pages of this glop, one yearns for prose that is "minty fresh."

Alan Pell Crawford, a public relations writer, wrote this for The Washington Post.

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BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott ON the diagramed deal both North-Souths reached four hearts. Both West players, one of them Glenn Milgrim, led a top diamond and East signalled with the queen. Consider whether South can and should win if West cashes a second

West cashed a second dia-

Sitting South for the Milgrim team was Kitty Munson, who, won the trump lead in her hand. ruffed a diamond, drew the maining trump and ducked club. She won the club retu and reached this position:

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German Church Admits to Holocaust Guilt

Bishops Say Catholic Anti-Semitism Abetted Nazi Slaughter

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New York Times Service

BERLIN - In an unusually blunt confession of guilt, Germany's Roman Catholic hishops have asserted that Catholics share responsibility for the Nazi Holo-

The hishops deplored the failure of German Catholics to act against Nazism, and asserted that they now bore a special responsibility to speak out against anti-Semitism. The denial and guilt that was prevalent in those days also came from the church," the bisbops said in a statement, During the period of the Third Reich, Christians did not carry out the required resistance to racist anti-Semitism."

Christian and Jewish leaders welcomed the bishops' statement, which was issued in advance of the 50th anniversary, on Friday, of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland.

There bas never been such a clear recogniuon of guilt and its consequences for the Catholic Church and for Christians," said Ansgar Koschel, general secretary of the Association for Christian-Jewish Co-

operation. A leading Catholic theologian, Johann-Baptist Metz, said there was "a new quality" in the statement, and predicted that it would inspire "Christian moral

courage. The Auschwitz anniversary is being observed in Germany with seminars and public events. More than 400 specialists from Germany and elsewhere are holding a weeklong conference in Hamburg to discuss "the roots of Nazi mass murder" and to encourage Germans to defend the rights

Catholic bishops here had hoped to issue their acknowledgment of Catholic guilt together with bishops from Poland, but were unable to reach agreement on a com-mon text. Some Polish Catholic leaders have angered Jews by refusing to acknowledge what Jews say is the singularity of their suffering at Auschwitz.

The German statement issued Tuesday began with the assertion that "the overwhelming majority of the prisoners and vicums at this camp were Jews."

For that reason, it said, Auschwitz is the

symbol of the destruction of European

"It weighs heavily upon us to know that there were only isolated initiatives on behalf of persecuted Jews," the statement said, "and that even after the pogroms of 1938 there was no clear public protest when hundreds of synagogues were burned and destroyed, cemeteries were desecrated, thousands of Jewish businesses were demolished, countless Jewish homes were attacked and plundered, and people were insulted, mishandled and even killed."

German newspapers welcomed the bishops' statement, although some said it came years too late. "The acknowledgment of and -Semitism in the 2000-year-old church. and the admission that Christians did oot undertake the required resistance to anti-Semitism during the Third Reich, has never before been so clearly stated," the Rheinische Post said.

A spokeswoman for the German bishops, Heike Thome, said the statement was intended to be "a cry against forgetting, an appeal for reflection and remembrance."



Dresden Confronts a Fatal Anniversary

50 Years After the Firebombing, Its Memory Opens Old Wounds

By Stephen Kinzer

DRESDEN, Germany - In the halfcentury since one of history's most devastating firebombing raids reduced Dresden taung threbomoing raids reduced Dresden to rubble, the city has been targely rehuit. Some of its most magnificent edifices, including the baroque 18th-century Zwinger Palace and the stately Semper Opera, have been painstakingly restored and now look much as they appear in prewar photos.

Nine botels are expected to open this year to accommodate the steadily increasing stream of tourists who come here to see the city and the spectacular treasures in its

Yet, despite Dresden's new prosperity. many visitors cannot escape an eerie sense of the horror that is forever bound up with its name. The Allied bombing of this city remains the central experience in its history and one of the defining moments of World War II. Next month, Dresden will observe the 50th anniversary of the bomb-

Planners of the observance have a difficult balance to achieve: how to mourn the victims without seeming to east blame on the countries whose pilous carried out the raids. That halance is made more difficult hy continuing dehate among historians about whether the hombing of Dresden was necessary.

The stated objective was to destroy railroad yards and thus delay the deployment of German troops to the eastern front. But the scope of the bombing was far greater than would have been necessary for that end, and has led some historians to suggest

that its true purpose may have been to destroy the morale of the German people.

In three waves of bombing on Feh. 13 and 14, 1945, British and U.S. bombers dropped nearly 3,500 tons of explosives and phosphorus on what bad been one of Europe's most beautiful cines. City re-cords hold the names of 39,773 officially identified dead." But, with the city swollen with refugees, the true toll was prohably

Memorial services have been held in Dresden every February since the bombing, but this year's program is far more ambitious than any before. There will be concerts, speeches, art exhibitions, theater performances and poetry readings.

Roman Herzog, the president of Germany, will deliver the main address on Feb. His decision to appear has already set off criticism from some intellectuals. One, the writer Ralph Giordano, warned that Mr. Herzog's appearance would encourage those who see Germany as "the eternal vicum of history. "In this world view, there is no such

thing as Germany the perpetrator," Mr. Giordano wrote in an open letter to Mr. Those who want to twist the truths of history and minimalize Germany's crimes are seeking to misuse the memory of that horrible night in Dresden." In reply to these criticisms, Mr. Herzog

insisted that he bad no intention of "pouring oil on that fire." For me. Dresden is an occasion to

radically reject war." he said in an inter-

The face of every older person on the

firestorm. One such face is that of Anita John, a retired bookkeeper who was 12 years old on the night of the raid. On a recent afternoon, sipping coffee in her living room under a painting of old Dresden. she told ber story quietly and without

"My parents and I ran into the basement when the first alarm sounded," she recalled, "There were about 50 of us down there. When the bombing began, the noise was deafening. The earth shook like an earthquake without end. We lay on top of

each other until it finally stopped.

"Some of the people decided to try to make their way out through the city." she added. "A few survived, but most of them we never heard from again, Fourteen of us were in the cellar when the second raid began. Smoke began to pour in. I lost consciousness. When I woke up, my parents and everyone else in the cellar were dead from smoke poisoning. I walked out into the daylight and saw that the city was "There was no way to control it. Bodies were everywhere. Somehow I made my

way to a cousin's house. When she opened the door, my resistance finally broke and I Asked if she considered the bombing to

have been a war crime, Mrs. John replied, "Of course it was." After a moment, she spoke again. "It's only fair to add that Germany started the

war. Hitler's insane ideas were responsible for it all. The Allies were only hitting back. "If there is a lesson from Dresden, it is that war itself, any war, is a crime."

Islamic Jihad SUICIDE: Many Palestinians Lured by Martyrdom **Denies It Has** Assets in U.S.

DAMASCUS —Two radical Palestinian groups on Wednes-day scorned President Bill Clinton's executive order freezing athletes or actors as role models the assets of 12 Middle Eastern seems to idolize the gunner groups, saying they had no as- and suicide bombers of Islamic sets in the United States to be Jihad and its militant twin, Ha-

The leaders of Islamic Jihad and the Democratic Front for and are carried in wallets and the Liberation of Palestine also berated Mr. Clinton for denouncing the attack in Israel on Sunday by Jihad suicide bombers in which 19 Israelis were

"I assure everybody that we never had any assets in the U.S. or any foreigo banks," said Fathi Al Shukaki, the leader of Jihad. "This decision is meaningless to us," he said. "It only proves a biased stand in favor of Israel and a cheap attempt to gather Jewish votes in the American elections.

The leader of the Democratic Front for the Liheration of Palesune, Nayef Hawatmeh, said his group had no assets in the United States and that Mr. Clinton's measures showed his

bias toward Israel. On Tuesday, Mr. Clinton froze U.S. assets of a dozen groups and 18 individuals who have been linked to acts of international terrorism. Mr. Clinton said the groups, iocluding Islamic Jihad and the Democratic Front, threatened the Middle East peace process. Two Jewish groups, Kach and Kahane Chai, were also includ-

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ing 57 Israelis io the last year. Just as the bombings have shaken Israel, they bave also sent currents of admiration through young men here who declare that they, too, are eager to go to paradise by killing Jews.

A generation that in other circumstances might bave seen

Their pictures hang in bomes on key chains. Walls are covered with graffiti saluting them and with bold drawings of their attacks. At some demonstrations, young men wear sheets like shrouds, iodicating their readioess to die.

The cult was on full display recently at a rally in the town of Khan Yunis honoring another local hero, Ayman Radi, who blew himself up last mooth in Jerusalem, injuring 13 people.
The crowd was entertained

by a group of singers in hlack leather jackets and ties. Known as "The Martyrs," they looked something like teenage idols from the 1950s, but their songs were about a different kind of

"Ayman, pure lover of Jerusalem," the lead singer crooned. "You are safe in paradise next to God. The tears of your mother are roses and jasmine. We are Palestinian Muslims fighting

the Jewish army.

A youngster walked through the crowd showing off an envelope full of pictures of dead members of the Qassam Brigades, the armed wing of Hamas. Giant posters of Mr. Radi and fallen gunmen, one of them

stepping on a pile of skulls, cov-

first spread here in the lale casualties on the enemy and 1980s, when the Palestinian uprisiog began and many young men witnessed daily bloodshed during street clashes with Israesoldiers.

In recent months, support for anu-Israeli attacks bas been fueled by growing frustration over the lack of change in living cooditions under Palestinian self-rule, and by anger at Israel's continued presence in the Gaza Strip and its control of the area's borders.

To many Palestinians, the suicide killers are models of defiance, rebelling against a life of degradation. Their actions serve as an antidote to the constant nursing of grievances that is a habit bere after decades of

occupation. I'm not living like a human being," said a high school stu-dent at the Khan Yunis rally who gave his name as Moham-This is not a dignified life. Either an honorable life or martyrdom."

A man called Abu Rateb, is married with children. said: "We're dead now. We live when the pieces of our bodies are collected in Tel Aviv."

Such an end is seen here as a beginning, a passage from a transient and grim existence to the pleasures of eternal life -a world where, according to Islamic belief, martyrs enjoy 72 virgin brides and are next to God with other righteous men.

'We don't call this suicide, which is forbidden in Islam," said tmad Falouji, publisher of

showing a uniformed fighter commanded to wage holy war attacker is assured success, he ered the stage.
Such worship of heroic death
Such worship of heroic death
avoids arrest, inflicts heavier
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> gains martyrdom." But to Dr. Mustafa Masri, a psychiatrist to Gaza's only community mental bealth proram, such glorification of death is a sign of depression and despair.

"Our own society is somehow committing suicide," be said. "Look at our streets --- we are neglectful of everything. There is a depression in this country. At social gatherings you hear people talking about basic needs, political and economic problems, but there is no mention whatsoever of the future."

Dr. lyad Sarraj, the program director, said that in such a state of impotence, some people could be powerfully attracted to the idea of suicide attack.

"It is an act of ultimate control," he said. "You control death, you control life, you control your environment and you decide when to die."

The bombers have typically been devout single men from poor backgrounds, in their early 20s, who have experienced a persocal loss or traumatic bumiliation at the hands of the Israelis, doctors say. Though such experiences are common here, they seem to have pushed some youths to extremes.

"There's a process of brainwashing," Dr. Sarraj said. "You live in a semihypnouc state. You become so overwhelmed with one idea that you completely isolate yourself from the doctors was treating the 90rest of the world. You have to year-old Mr. Deng, who has conform to the group, and with-ruled China since 1978, for varia Harnas newspaper. "These are martyrdom operations. We are

Judge Accepts an Apology, Ex-Nanny Says **Allowing TV to Continue** She'd Testify For Simpson

VIENNA - An Austrian woman who worked as an au pair in O.J. Simpson's Los Angeles home has described the former football star as "a warm-hearted, loving, sensitive and considerate husband."

The Vienna Weekly News said Gahriela Steigberger, 35, had written to Mr. Simpsoo's lawyers offering to testify on his be-

The paper quoted her as saying she had worked as an au pair in the Simpson household for three months in 1987, caring for Sydney, the daughter of Mr. Simpson and his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson. "O.J. never raised his

oice at home "He adored his wife and showered her with presents.

The allegation that he had always tormented his wife just cannot remain unanswered," she added. "If they want me to testify, I'll

Deng Reported Unable to Make **Any Decisions**

TOKYO - China's senior leader, Deng Xiaoping, is no longer able to exercise day-today leadership or make decisions on policy issues because of poor health, authoritative sources said Wednesday.

to wide-ranging intelligence re-ports, said that for about the past two months, Mr. Deng had played no significant role in the leadership of the country. They said that although poor

health bad forced Mr. Deng to withdraw from day-to-day leadership several months ago. until about two months ago he had still been able to issue occasional edicts on policy matters such as the future of Hong Kong or economic reform.

"But in the last couple of months he has not even been able to do this." one of the sources said.

The sources, who have access

The sources said a team of ous illnesses.

ceedings to a national audience. The juror's face was on camera Compiled by Our Staff From Deparches LOS ANGELES - The for less than a second. judge in the O.J. Simpson trial on Wednesday allowed televi-

sion coverage of the trial to continue after accepting a cable network's apology for accidentally broadcasting the face of an alternate juror. Judge Lance A. Ito abruptly cut off the audio and television

era hroadcasting the court pro-

operating the pool camera, said broadcasts Tuesday after being told that one of the alternate jurors leaned forward and into the view of the television cam-

But on Wednesday, the judge said: "The court has had the benefit of a night's sleep on the issue. I find there was no bad faith involved." Court TV, the cahle network

"deeply regretted" the inci-The judge's decision to pull the plug had come at the con-

reason," he told the court. "He killed her because he couldn't have her, and if he couldn't have her, he didn't want anyone Then the lead prose

"He killed Nicole for a single

Deputy District Attorney

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Marcia Clark, outlined in vivid detail what she called devas-tating proof that the former football star and actor had brutally killed the victims and then left a trail of blood that led directly to his own bedroom. After showing jurous color

photographs of the bloodoaked bodies of Mrs. Simpson and Mr. Goldman, Ms. Clark said that "over and over and over again," genetic testing of the blood pointed to the conclusion that Mr. Simpson committed the murders.

She also disclosed for the first time that blood found on a pair of socks in Mr. Simpson's bedroom matched the blood of the

As Mr. Simpson watched intently, occasionally shaking his head in apparent disbelief, Ms. Clark disclosed for the first time that a bloody glove found by police detectives at his home sbortly after the killings had not only blood and hair follicles that genetically matched those of Nicole Simpson and Mr. Goldman, but also fibers from Mr. Goldman's shirt and from Mr. Simpson's car.

Anticipating defense chal-lenges to how the police collected the blood evidence, Ms. Clark said sloppy handling might, in some cases, lead to faulty test results.

But, she said, the prosecution had tried to determine from all the tests whether Mr. Simpson could possibly be excluded, and "over and over and over again clusion of the prosecution's dant cannot be excluded."

(AP, WP)

Republicans Are Unimpressed Congress's Majority Sees a False Conservative

man of the House Republican dress was largely an exercise in

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - Republicans portrayed President Bill Clinton after his State of the Union speech as a reluctant coovert to the cause of a smallcr. cheaper government more attuned to the needs of the mid-

Casting themselves as the authentic agents of change, the Republicans also suggested that Mr. Clioton's actions would not match his conservative words. "While at times tonight some

of the president's ideas sounded pretty Republican, the fact remains that he has been opposed to the balanced budget amendment, he proposed even more government spending and he imposed the biggest tax increase in American history. Governor Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey said in remarks prepared for delivery

on behalf of her party.

She referred to the 1993 budget package, which raised income tax rates for the upper middle class and the rich, eliminated various deductions and increased the amount of Social Security benefits subject to tax. "On Election Day, you gave us your trust," she added. "We accept your mandate. President

Clinton, you must accept it as [The Senate majority leader Bob Dole of Kansas, said Wednesday that the president was "going to run into reality fairly quickly." The Associated

Press reported. ["Now the hard part comes, working with the new Con-gress," Mr. Dole said in an interview. "I think the realization is, now that the speech is made, he must deal with the Republican Congress and we have a different mandate."]

Before the speech, congressional Republicans were generally muted, presenting themselves as respectful of the presidency, but consumed with heir own agenda and convinced that they, not the administratioo, were driving policy in Washington now. House Speaker Newt Ging-

rich struck a conciliatory note before the president's speech. "I am not going to go tonight and sit there and say, now, which pieces can I punch?" he said: Other Republican leaders suggested that they could afford to be magnanimous. "He's

worry about all these political decisions the White House has to make to keep him oo the high With Governor Whitman de-

livering the formal Republican respoose, Mr. Gingrich was said to be happy to play a conspeaking role Tuesday night, part of the stately tableau of the State of the Union, sitting behind the president. There were some sharper Republican responses Tuesday.

Senator Phil Gramm of Texas said that Mr. Clinton "always gives a good speech," but added, "It's the president's deeds we're concerned with."

But Governor Whitman's ad-

have to Republican image making presenting the party as tested an proven on the state level and ready to take its governmenttrimming program to Washing-

Clearly trying to answer fears that the Republicans' economic program in their "Contract With America" is unattainable, Mrs. Whitman said, "Here in New Jersey, like too many other governors, I was told my taxcutting policies were a gim-

She added, "Our colleagues on Capitol Hill are facing the same opposition we did, the same cries of 'it can't be done' from the Washington-knowsbest crowd."

CLINTON: Just Like Old Times

lunches.

Continued from Page 1 main ingredient was the repeated call to reinvent government and scale it back. Here and there came almost plaintive pleas that government could still work to do some things right, such as guaranteed health

care for children. A striking example of how the political environment in Washington has changed is to compare the veto threat Mr. Clinton wielded on Tuesday with the one he issued a year ago, when he devoted most of his speech to health care re-

Then, Mr. Clinton and many others assumed that some health care legislation was a given, and the president, brandishing a pen, promised to veto any legislation that did not guarantee coverage to everyone.

Tuesday, he acknowledged that this year's task would be to protect legislation that has already passed. He pleaded with Republicans not to pass a bill reversing the ban imposed last year on some assault weapons and said he would veto it if they did. And he admitted that his administration "hit off more than it could chew" last year on health care, and said this time out he would be happy to achieve even modest, incremental changes in the health care

As he has done before, however, Mr. Clinton seemed determined to keep one foot in the moderate side of the political debate - as demonstrated by on a high wire, we're on a pair his endorsement of a line-item of skates," said Representative veto to cut budget pork — and John A. Boehner of Ohio, chair- another in the liberal-activist

side, as shown by his defense of federal support for school

Governor Christine Todd

Whitman of New Jersey, who

delivered the Republican re-sponse, drew laughs with an opening line that poked fun at the president's long oration. "Let me assure you," she cracked, "I am not going to ask for equal time." In all its loquacioosness,

though, Mr. Clinton's speech shared another similarity with previous outings: It contained some highly effective moments. He was always fluent, often forceful and sometimes funny. He showed humor and bumility when he joked at the start of his speech that, after November, he

now knows how Republicans felt after the 1992 elections. These qualities may earn the president the same boost in approval ratings that he won after earlier speeches to Congress.

The difference this time White House advisers say, is that Mr. Clinton plans to repeat himself over and over.

The "New Convenant" Mr. Clinton's slogan for a government that helps people bul demands responsibility in return - reappeared earlier this month after heing absent from the president's oratory since the 1992 campaign.

He used the slogan several times Tuesday night, and also touted his "Middle Class Bill of Rights," a recently proposed program of tax breaks and job training designed to help people get skills to compete to a rapidly changing economy.

ISRAEL: 2,200 West Bank Units

munities in Judea, Samaria and to get on with negotiations to extend his Gaza-based self-rule ful for Greater Jerusalem and

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maybe for Jerusalem proper." On a visit to Jordan on Wednesday, Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, said that his agreement with the Israelis on settlements was "not to expand them and not to increase their

It was a mild protest, though. And it suggested that Mr. Arafat wanted to avoid a full-hlown To subscribe in France

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crisis over the issue and instead Bank, still almost entirely under Israeli control.

But he is under pressure from West Bank Arabs to take a tougher line. To them, their land is disappearing under Is-raeli bulldozers, and that is the core of the conflict. In recent weeks, they have

become assertive about staking

out territorial claims, and so

have Isracti settlers, who see

themselves as fulfitling a histor-

ic Jewish destiny, especially in

Jerusalem and its environs.

Continued from Page 1 optimistic assessments by senior Russian officials.

The Chechens, who declared their independence from Moscow in 1991, remain the masters of most of the capital of Grozny south of the Sunzha River. amounting to at least a third of the city. It was that area that came under the most intense bomhardment on Wednesday.

Mr. Yeltsin on Wednesday

convened his Security Council.

the body that has guided most

government decisions during the six-week Chechen crisis.

after the session that Russian Moscow on Wednesday, the Army troops would stay in Georgian Embassy said, ac-Chechnya to fight the insurgency for the time being, "hut Interior Ministry troops will begin to play the primary rnle."

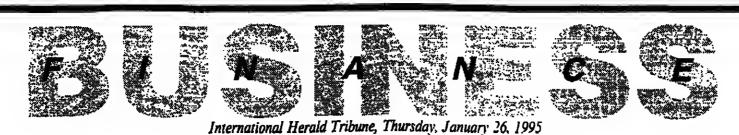
crisis, was being relieved of his duties because of ill health. ■ Two Ex-Aides Attacked A former defense minister of Georgia was shot and wounded Oleg Loboy, the council secre-

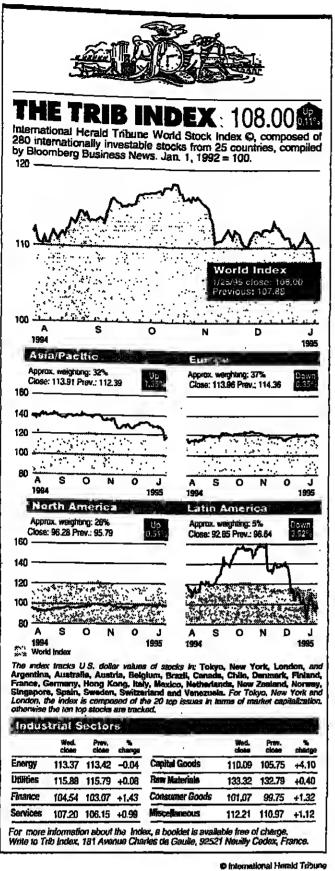
RUSSIA: Chechen Capital Pounded by Rocket Fire lary, said at a press conference accompanying him was killed in cording to Reuters. An embassy spokeswoman

said General Georgi Karkarashvili, a former defense minister, was taken to the hospital. Itar-Tass news agency said he was in a coma. General Paata Mr. Lobov also said Nikolai Yegorov, Mr. Yeltsin's hard-Datuashvili, a former deputy line coordinator of the Chechen defense minister, was killed.

Interfax news agency said General Karkarashvili and General Datuashvili were leaving an apartment in Moscowwhen there was a hlaze of automatic fire from close range.

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Compaq Says Net **Rose 61%**

But Stock Drops As Big Inventory Weakens Outlook

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches HOUSTON - Compaq Computer Corp. said Wednesday its fourth-quarter profit surged 61 percent on a 48 percent jump in sales, capping a record year that saw the company emerge as the world's higgest seller of personal computers.

But the rapid growth came at a price. The company said it was left with inventory worth \$2 billion, twice its year-earlier level, and forecast a flat performance for the first quarter. The results sent Compaq's

shares plunging on the New York Stock Exchange. Compaq was the most actively traded issue, falling \$5.00, to \$37.375. Earnings for the latest three months were \$243 million, up from \$151 millioo in the fourth quarter of 1993. Sales rose to

\$3.25 billion from \$2.20 hillion. These results reflect an excellent fourth quarter and outstanding year for Compaq," said Eckhard Pfeiffer, president and chief executive officer.

The results came a day after Dataquest Inc., a San Jose, Calmarketer. Compaq's share of the world market rose to 10.3 percent from 8.1 percent.

But analysts have been worried for more than six months levels. A high inventory dimincompany can shift to oew models, which happens once or twice a year in the PC business. That can burt profits, as computer makers typically make the

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Quake's Cost: Two Views Bank of Japan and Keidanren Chief Differ

TOKYO - Japan's central bank governor and the chairman of the country's leading husiness group appeared divided Wednesday over the impact last week's earthquake will have on the Japanese economic recovery.

"I don't think the energy of the economic recovery will be weakened by the quake," Bank of Japan Governor Yasuo Matsushita said. Mr. Matsushita said reconstruction de-

mand in the Kobe area would support medium- to long-term growth, although there would be a short-term negative impact because output and transport in the area would remain stagnant for now.

The governor said the central bank was ready to provide ample liquidity to affected financial institutions to meet the needs of companies and individuals who must rebuild to ensure the stability of Japan's financial

But Shoichiro Toyoda, chairman of the Japan Federation of Economic Organizations, or Keidanren, said the quake would slow the pace of recovery.

"The recovery will likely be delayed," said the Keidanren chairman, who is also chairman of Toyota Motor Corp. "We want as quickly as possible to do what has to be done to support the economy.

Mr. Toyoda, who held a separate news conference, said he expected total damage to

exceed estimates of between 3 trillion yen and 4 trillion yen (\$30 hillion and \$40 hillion) made hy various research institutes. But he said it would take time before the

full extent of the damage could be known. The central hank has yet to come up with its own estimate for quake damages, Mr. Matsushita said. But he said there was no doubt the quake was affecting economic activities, not only of the stricken area but of

other regions. Mr. Matsushita said prices of goods had remained stable in the wake of the disaster and the trend was likely to continue.

He noted that the economy had ample production capacity by now to supply materials needed for reconstruction work in the Kobe-Osaka area.

He added the central hank thought the chances were small that reconstruction demand would create upward pressure on prices in the future.

But he cautioned that because of the destruction of crucial transportation facilities in the Kansai area, prices on some materials or products may increase. He added that the Bank of Japan would remain vigilant for any signs of inflation.

Mr. Toyoda said the Japanese government should take appropriate measures to help rehuild areas his by the earthquake and to limit a possible decline in the economy.

(AFP, Bloomberg, Reuters)

Philip Morris Reports Banner Year

NEW YORK - Philip Morifornia, market-research firm, ris Compaoies Inc. said reported that Compaq had passed International Business Machines Corp. and Apple Computer Inc. last year to become the world's largest PC markets. Compao's share of years ever.

The gains were partly due to restructuring charges that had depressed 1993 results.

Philip Morris, the world's about the company's inventory largest tobacco company, said sales volume in tobacco prodishes the speed with which a ucts grew 15 percent last year, while shipments of its best-selling Marlboro brand cigarettes rose 14 percent. Both increases were company records and well ahead of the industry.

husinesses, which include structuring charge that reduced

Jell-O, Oscar Mayer, Maxwell House and Miller, also showed improvement.

We delivered some of the best results in our history and emerged from the year sound, strong and growing," said Philip Morris's chie, executive, Geoffrey Bible, "Heading into 1995, our worldwide tobacco business is booming, food continues to perform well in key categories and markets, and

cess of new products." For the three months ended Dec. 31, Philip Morris earned \$1.09 hillion, or \$1.27 a share, up from \$339 million, or 38 cents a share, a year earlier. The The company's food and beer year-ago results reflected a re-

beer is benefiting from the suc-

quarterly earnings by \$457 mil-lion. Revenue for the quarter rose 12.1 percent to \$16.5 hil-

For the year, Philip Morris earned \$4.73 hillion, or \$5.45 a share, up from \$3.09 hillion. or \$3,52 a share. Full-year profit for 1993 was reduced by \$477 million by changes in accounting for retiree benefits. The yearly per-share earnings

matched a record set in 1992 the year before the company cut cigarette prices and triggered a profit-sapping price war. Revenue for 1994 rose 6.9 percent to \$65.1 billion.

Philip Morris shares advanced 12.5 cents to close at \$58.375 on the New York Stock

(AP, Bloomberg)

Air France Halts **Orders for Jets** To Cut Deficit

PARIS - Air France said Wednesday it had canceled all orders and options for new aircraft - 17 Boeing Co. and Airbus Industrie jets — as part of its effort to wipe out its deficit.

Air France had placed firm orders for seven Airbus A-340s and 10 Boeing aircraft, with seven of the jets scheduled for delivery this year.

Christian Blanc, chairman of the state-owned airline, also said the carrier would post a loss of 3.0 hillion to 3.5 hillion French francs (\$574 million to \$669 million) for the 15-month period to Dec. 31, 1995.

Air France had a loss of

billion francs in 1993. Mr. Blanc said canceling the aircraft orders and other measures, including cutting 2,000 employees, would cut produc-

tion costs by 12 percent this year, after a 7 percent decline in costs in 1994. "Not only shall we sell some of our planes, but we also decided several days ago not to take up options oo Airhus aod Boeing," Mr. Blanc told the French daily Le Monde. "We

have even canceled our plane orders." He said that if the company succeeded with its financial re-structuring it could start order-

ing aircraft again in two years.

Mr. Blanc confirmed that Air France was holding discussions with U.S. and Asian companies oo possible alliances. But he added that "we are not in a hurry.

The airline declined to comment on a report that it was in talks with AMR Corp.'s American Airlines and Japan Air Lines Co. To create an alliance, you

have to exist and give yourself the possibility to assure the con-tinuity of the company," Mr. Blanc said "That was our single preoccupation in 1994." The French carrier also is ne-

gotiating with Sabena Belgian World Airlines to sell its 37.5 percent stake back to the Bel-

Air France acquired the stake in 1992 as part of the amhitious merger plans of Bernard Attali, the former chairman. But his successor put the deal on ice because of Air France's financial problems.

Air France last year received 3.2 billion francs in state aid as part of a 20 billion franc cash injection due by 1996.

Mr. Blanc said the airline would reduce its purchases by I hillion francs this year and "investments will cootinue to be reviewed downwards." (Reuters, AP, AFP, Bloomberg)

Gain in Traffic Brings Profit For Lufthansa AFP-Extel News

FRANKFURT - Lufthansa AG said Wednesday that increased passenger traffic had helped it re-turned to profit in 1994 after posting a loss of 111 millioo Deutsche marks (\$73 million) in 1993.

"Provisional results show that the group at least broke even in the fourth quarter," the airline said, adding that it was "certain" to post a profit for the full year.
In the first nine months

of 1994, Lufthansa had a profit of 325 million DM.

Lufthansa said it carried 5.8 percent more passengers last year than in 1993, while the volume of cargo rose 13.6 percent. The airline's load factor, or use of its capacity, rose 2.1 percentage points, to 70.8 percent.

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Replacement Workers Growing Roots

By Peter T. Kilborn New York Times Service ECATUR, Illinois - The ovens of industry are burning with gusto in this old prairie city's east end, where factories abut dormant black cornfields and the aspbalt skirts of auto body shops and bowling

Day and night, the A.E. Staley commilling plant belches plumes of smoke that dust the downtown with a scent as sweet and thick as a bakery's.

A few blocks up 22nd Street from Sta-

ley, the two-story brick plant of one of the world's largest tire and rubber companies, Bridgestone Corp. of Tokyo, is also operating, as is the huge plant owned by Caterpillar Inc., the maker of earth-moving equipment, a little farther up the road.

These are three of Decatur's largest em-

ployers. All are embroiled in their loogest labor disputes ever, and all are running, although most of their 4,000 unionized workers are on the street.

All of this has made this city of 85,000 a metaphor for the trauma faced by American labor unions — to which just one of every eight private-industry workers now belong, less than half the level of 20 years ago. Labor and management are dug in deep

in Decatur. Management, hlaming competitive pressures, has been mowing down labor costs -holding down wages, cutting benefits and staff, keeping machinery running 24 hours a day.

Labor has given up hope of reversing losses. But more emphatically, it is trying to halt its slide toward irrelevance.

ers who has been driving forklift trucks in the Caterpillar plant for 38 years, "is a kind of testing field."

The disputes bere, involving about 10,000 additiooal workers at Caterpillar and Bridgestone plants elsewhere in Illinois and in five other states, also have set the stage for a nationwide test for orga-

Beginning this month with the railroads,

The issue for unions across the United States is not what they can win for workers, but what previous gains they keep.

the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics says, 707 contracts covering 3.4 million employees of large public and private concerns are up for renegotiation this year — the high-est number of workers in the 11 years in which the hureau has kept track of such

Robert Reich, the U.S. secretary of labor, says these negotiations could spur an incipient trend of labor-management collaboration, with both sides seeing something to gaio from an employer's success. In strike-bound Decatur, at least, there's

no sign of any such amity. These work stoppages represent three

Decatur, says Robert Cassidy, 60, a member of the United Automobile Workers who has been driving forklift trucks in Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations at the University of Illinois.

Staley, citing sabotage and vandalism after imposing 12-hour shifts, locked its people out in June 1993 and brought in

temporary replacements.

Caterpillar's workers struck in June 1994, accusing management of anti-union harassment. They, too, have been temporarily replaced.

Bridgestone's employees struck in July rather than accept a contract with shift changes, benefit cuts and lower wages than Goodyear workers have won. Although the government this month goaded Bridgestone and Caterpillar to talk with their unions, Bridgestone says that, settlement or oot, 650 of its 1,200 strikers here have

been permanently replaced. The Decatur plants, Mr. Feuille said, "are willing to tolerate a great deal of labor-management strife in exchange for a more advantageous contract, so you end up with three very long-running disputes that don't seem to have any end in sight."

The companies' regular workers here are nearly all men 45 to 60 years old who earned \$30,000 to more than \$60,000 a year. Some are collecting only \$60 a week in union strike benefits. Most seem to be getting by on part-time work supplemented by charitable contributions and donations from unions elsewhere.

But they say they will pay the price of staying out to defend their wages, job secu-See WOES, Page 11

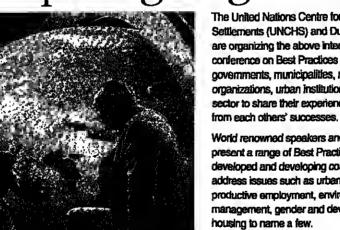
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Greenspan's Hints

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Bloomberg Business News NEW YORK - The dollar rose against the Deutsche mark and some other major currencies Wednesday after comments from Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan bolstered speculation that Federal

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Reserve policymakers would raise interest rates when they mei nexi week.

Mr. Greenspan's strong support for President Bill Clinion's proposed \$40 billion in loan guarantees for Mexico also helped the dollar gain, traders said. The guarantees, which must be approved by Congress. would ease Mexico's financial crisis and take pressure off other North American markets, they said.

The dollar closed at 1.5176 DM, up from 1.5128 DM on Tuesday. It slipped to 99.525 yen from 99.810 yen.

"The dollar found support because Greenspan is still talking a tough line on U.S. interest rates," said Frank Pusateri, currency dealer at Mellon Bank in

COMPAQ: Net Up, Stock Down

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most money from machines at the start of their product cycle. A high inventory contributed to IBM's problems in the personal-computer business last year. IBM said this week that

U.S. Stocks

the restructuring of its PC business would not be complete un-

Mr. Pfeiffer said Compaq's first-quarter performance would be "relatively flar" compared with a year earlier.

For the full year, Compaq carned \$867 million, nearly doubling the \$462 million profit reported for 1993. Sales for the year rose to \$10.87 billion from 57.19 billion.

"People are worried that dewas." Jon van Bronkhorst, an paq released its earnings. analyst at the brokerage concern Robertson Stephens, said But he and other analysts data storage and retrieval comsaid that impression may not be pany's earnings.

This is all an overreaction. said Andy Neff, an analyst with Bear Steams & Co. "The company is in one of its strongest

tors to bring money home.

Many traders became more optimistic about U.S. help for

Mexico after Mr. Greenspan said in congressional testimony that delaying approval of the guarantees raised the risk Mexico's financial crisis might spread to other countries. Against other currencies, the

dollar was quoted at 1.2773 Swiss francs, up from 1.2713 france Tuesday, and at 5.2485 French francs, up from 5.2340 francs. The pound slipped to \$1.5915 from \$1.5940.

■ Greenspan Helps Stocks

Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, eased concerns about rising inflation. news agencies reported from The Dow Jones industrial av-

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(AP. Bloomberg)

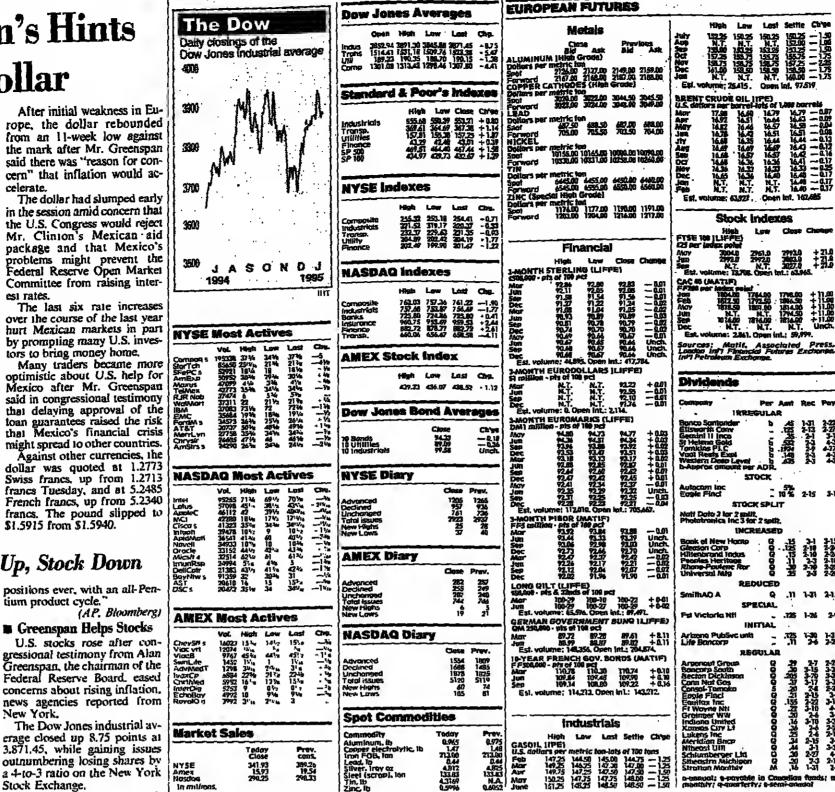
U.S. stocks rose after congressional testimony from Alan

30-year Treasury bond rose 20/32 point, to 95 26/32, taking the yield down to 7.86 percent from 7.92 percent on Tuesday. Gains in the broad market

of the drop in Compaq's stock. with the size of the gain in the

for the fourth quarter.

(AP, Bloomberg, Reuters)



Du Pont and Union Carbide Profit Tripled in Quarter

Compiled by Our Staff From Depatches NEW YORK - Both Du Pont Co. and

Union Carbine Corp. both said Wednesday that earnings in the fourth quarter had about tripled. Du Pont, whose net income surged to

\$646 million from \$226 million, cited stronger sales and efforts to control expenses. Union Carbide, whose profit from operations rose to \$147 million from \$44 million, cited higher prices for its chemicals and plastics as well as increased shipments.

Du Pont said sales in the quarter rose 8.6 percent, to \$10.1 billion, while Union Car-

bide said its sales in the fourth quarter rose
22 percent, to \$1.31 billion. the fourth quarter "resulted from substantial price increases for polyetbylene and 22 percent, to \$1.31 billion. Du Pont shares closed 12.5 cents higher

at \$57.125, while Union Carbide shares slipped 62.50 cents to \$28.375. Du Pont said sales had risen in all the company's businesses for the year and for

During 1994, our cost-control efforts began to pay off at the same time economic and market conditions improved." Chairman Edgar S. Woolard Jr. said.

Robert Kennedy, chairman of Union

Carbide, said the company's earnings in

ethylene glycol, strong seasonal volumes and sustained controls on costs."

The company said it had a gain in the latest quarter of \$58 million from the sale of some assets in Hong Kong and a charge of \$48 million from litigation costs and other costs associated with divested opera-

For the year as a whole. Du Pour said it earned 52.7 billion, or \$4 a share, on sales of \$39.3 billion, compared with \$566 million, or 81 cents a share.

Bethlehem Steel Returns to Profit

BETHLEHEM, Pennsylvania (Combined Dispatches) — Bethlehem Steel Corp. on Wednesday reported a profit for the fourth quarter, reversing a loss from a year earlier. The second-largest U.S. steel company also said it had completed its first profitable

Bethlehem earned \$31.3 million in the final three months of year since 1989. 1994, reversing a loss of \$242.6 million in the 1993 period. The 1993 fourth quarter included a \$350 million before-tax expunse for the restructuring of Bethlehem's structural steel business. Sales rose to \$1.22 billion from \$1.13 billion.

Analysts expected earnings to trail its competitors in the steel-industry because of operating problems caused by capital improvement projects.

Takeover Talk Lifts Lotus Shares

BOSTON (Combined Dispatches) — Lotus Development.

Corp.'s stock rallied Wednesday, despite lower-than-expected.

1994 carnings, on renewed talk that the software concern could. soon be the target of a takeover, possibly by AT&T Corp. Lotus shares closed \$2.9375 higher, at \$44,5625, on the New

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York Stock Exchange. Earlier, the software company said fourth-quarter profit dropped 51 percent, to \$14.4 million, a year earlier. Revenue declined 5 percent, to \$264.5 million. The company said sales of communication software now accounted for half of its revenue, and that helped support the stock price. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

U.S. 1994 Existing Home Sales Jump

WASHINGTON (Combined Dispatches) - Sales of previously owned U.S. bomes jumped 4.3 percent in 1994, reaching the second-highest level on record, the National Association of Real-

tors said Wednesday. The organization said that single-family home sales in 1994 topped 3.97 million units, up from 3.80 million units in 1993. This was second only to the 3.98 million units sold in 1978. Sales rose. 1.8 percent in December to a seasonally adjusted sales rate of 3.89 million units, higher than analysts' forecast of 3.85 million. The real estate group said rising interest rates were driving up costs and could cut back sales in the forthcoming period.

Separately, America's trade in goods and services rose \$130 billion to a record \$1.8 trillion in 1994, accounting for 27 percent of the nation's gross domestic product, Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade representative, said.

"The industry is headed for a cooling-off period, and it will take the rest of the economy with it," said John Tuccillio, an economist

Telmex Expects Big Currency Loss

MEXICO CITY (Bloomberg) — Telefonos de México SA.—Mexico's largest telephone company, said Wednesday it estimated a foreign exchange loss of 4.4 billion pesos (\$774 million) before taxes in 1994 because of the peso's devaluation.

The company, which provided a preliminary report on its 1994. results to the Mexican stock exchange, said the foreign exchange-loss might exempt it from paying 1994 income taxes.

For the Record

Unisys Corp. posted a loss of \$52.3 million for the fourth quarter, compared with \$117.7 million a year earlier, after taking a. pretax charge for reorganization. The computer maker also warned that earnings would remain under pressure. (Bloomberg)

Cementos Méxicanos SA said 1994 net income rose T percent, to 1.9 billion pesos, on increased public spending in Mexico and Spain and higher productivity in its U.S. subsidiary. Revenue at the largest cement producer in Latin America rose 8 percent, to 10.64 billion pesos.

Oracle Systems Corp. stock rose nearly 4 percent after the company announced a 3-for-2 stock split and predicted rapid sales increases. The company also denied speculation that it would try to wang Laboratories Inc. said its second-quarter net income rose acquire Oracle Development Corp.

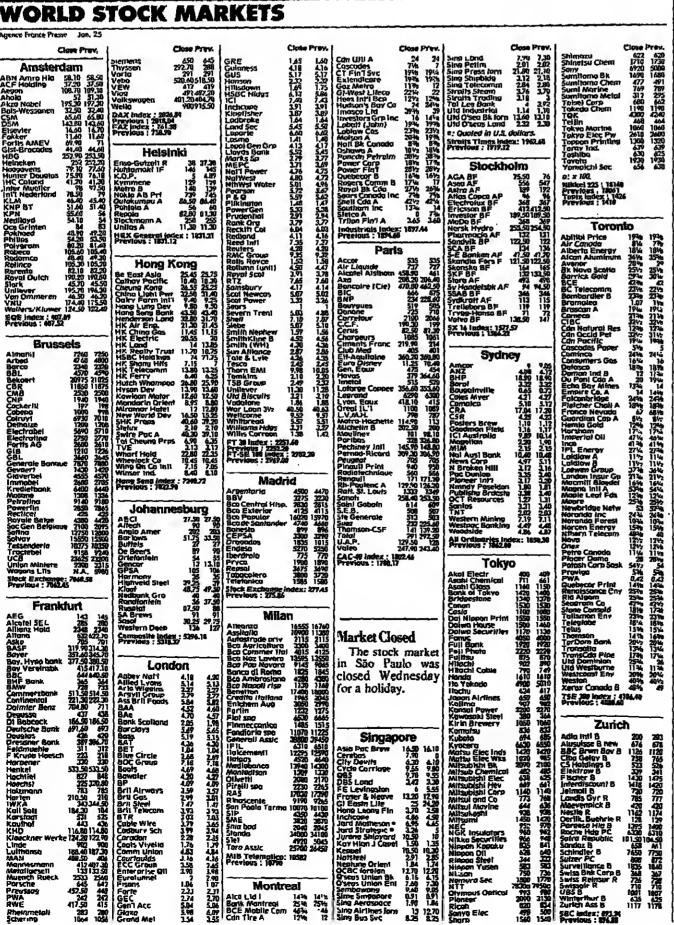
to \$5.1 million from \$4.9 million a year earlier despite a 7 percent rop in sales.

(Bloomberg)

Govett & Co., a British investment management firm, agreed to drop in sales. buy the credit rating company Duff & Phelps Corp. for about

Piper Jaffray Cos. said first-quarter profit fell 53 percent, to \$4.6 million, citing difficult financial markets and higher legal expenses.

Revenue declined 13 percent, to \$92.5 million. (Bloomberg)



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Pechiney Signals Major Asset Sales

PARIS - Pechinev SA said Wednesday it would divest itself of assets worth 10 billion francs (\$2 hillion) and use the proceeds to pare what its chairman called "excessive" debts. It was not clear what the

J. Sainsbury To Buy Firm From Ladbroke

Compiled he Our Stuff From Dispatches LONDON — The super-market chain J. Sainsbury PLC said Wednesday ii would acquire Texas Homecare Ltd., a home-improvement retail chain, from Lad-broke Group PLC for £290 million (\$461 million).

Ladbroke, which owns Hilton International Co. and betting shops through-out Britain, said it had decided to sell Texas Homecare after a strategic review of the group's activities that also resutted in a decision to cut 900 johs.

Texas Homecare's 240 shops recorded operating profit of £2.1 million over the first six months of 1994 on sales of £340.8 million. Separately, shares in the British retail hank TSB Group PLC rose t7 pence to 249 on rumors that TSB might be the subject of a

takeover hid. Among the

suitors heing mentioned,

analysts said, were Abbey National PLC, Barclays

PLC and Banque Nationaic de Paris. (AFP, Reuters, Bloomstate-controlled aluminum and packaging company's current debt level was, but Jean-Pierre Rodier was quoted by a French business newspaper in October as saying it was then about 20 hillion francs.

Mr. Rodier did say Wednesday that Pechiney was conducting a review to decide which assets to sell, and he added. "It's ohvious, however, that we will keep a strong presence in aluminum and another in pack-

He said the company was try-ing to cut debt to gain the means to exploit investment opportunities in its existing sec-

He said it was Pechiney's aim to be in a position to be priva-tized by the end of 1995. Although the company's investment certificates are publicly traded, more than 80 percent of the voting power is controlled by the French government.

The nonvoting certificates rose 2.2 francs to 382.2 on the Paris Bourse, while shares in the company's 67 percent-con-trolled Pechiney International SA fell 2.9, to 145.9.

Mr. Rodier also took direct control of the company's packaging division, including the chairmanship of its U.S. unit

The packaging division, year, which accounts for nearly 50 percent of total revenue, will be glorn grouped into two sectors, a beverage division that will include the global metal can husiness. and a division covering packaging for the food and cosmetics division and for health care. Mr. Rodier ruled out diversi-

U.S. Films: Friend or Foe?

France TV and Time Warner to Cooperate

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches
PARIS — France Television. The stateowned company, gave a new twist to the defense of French and European film culture Wednesday hy announcing a cooperation

agreement with Time Warner Inc. The French government has been a vocal advocate of quotas and restrictions aimed at limiting the dominance of U.S. entertainment industries in Europe.

But the France Television-Time Warner accord was the latest in a series of French-American deals indicating that top executives in the industry see cooperation, rather than confrontation, as the best option.

The agreement was intended to strengthen the two companies' strategies in the market for the audiovisual industries and to bring together their areas of expertise, France Tele-

Signed in New York last week, the agreement calls for co-productions by the two companies. It also gives France Television, which operates two nationwide television channels, special access to Time Warner music and programs and envisions joint develop-ment of new television services.

The agreement was seen as providing Time Warner, a leading world communications and music company, with a strong partner in Europe. France Television said the deal was part of its strategy of "international develop-ment" hy means of "many alliances" to increase its influence and to enable it to "promote French film production throughout the world."

France Television also wanted to tackle problems posed by the development of international multimedia groups in Europe through cooperation and understanding, the statement said.

But it also said it wanted to ensure respect for the rules of protection and promotion of the European television programs.

Under the new agreement, covering coproduction, the acquisition of rights and the development of advanced television, 60 percent of the content of the music program would be French, France Television said.

Nestlé Says Profit Rose as Sales Fell

VEVEY, Switzerland - Nestlé SA said Wednesday that its sales slipped about I percent last year but that profit rose and American National Can Co. should show further growth this

> The food and beverage conglomerate said sales in 1994 totaled 56.8 hillion Swiss francs (\$44.7 hillion), down from 57.5 hillion francs in 1993 because of unfavorable currency fluctuations and a change in the re-porting system in Brazil. Nestlé said sales volume grew

fication outside of the compa-2.3 percent.
"Sales volume experienced ny's core packaging and alumistrong growth in Latin America (AFX, Reuters, and particularly in Asia, while Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder) volumes progressed slightly in

Nonh America and in Europe," Nestlė said.

Analysts said the sales figures matched their expectations and that the company's earnings should be lifted by cost-cutting efforts and higher profit mar-

"I don't think investors will be disappointed with Nestle's 1994 net and operating profit," said Sylvain Massot, a food analyst at Morgan Stanley & Co. "The discontinuation of lines which were losing money hurts sales, but it will mean higher profit and quality volume growth."

But investors were unimpressed with the earnings prediction, sending Nestle's shares

down t percent in Zurich, to 1,162 francs. The company will report its 1994 profit and dividend March

■ LVMH Sales Jump 17% LVMH Moet Hennessy Lou-

(Bloomherg, AP, Reuters)

is Vuitton SA said a recovery in Press reported from Paris.

The luxury goods company said its net profit for 1994 would be more than 20 percent higher than the 3.6 hillion francs posted in 1993. LVMH will release definitive results for the year March 23.

for changes in contributions as companies' market shares shift. the year March 23.

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"Push comes to shove, and

EU Seeks To Spread PTT Costs

By Tom Buerkle

BRUSSELS - The European Commission proposed Wednesday that new entrants to Europe's telephone market contribute to a fund to help existing monopolies maintain service to economically marginal regions and customers.

The proposal seeks to ensure that the 1998 opening of Europe's \$150 billion telecommunications market not lead to a split between haves and have-nots, with new competition directed

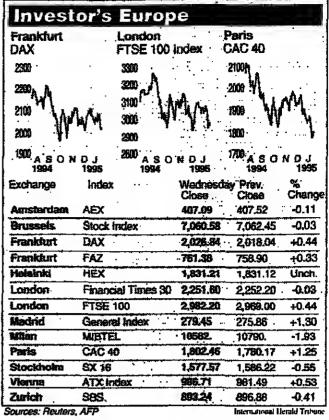
solely at large urban areas.
The idea for a fund follows an American model and eschews the British practice of financing so-called universat service through separate access charges, which competitors say are difficult to determine and have given British Telecommunications

PLC an unfair advantage.
"We think it's a step forward," said Maev Sullivan, director of strategy at Mercury Communications PLC, Britain's No. 2 phone company

ain's No. 2 phone company.

Mercury will pay an estimated £60 million (\$96 million) in access charges to British Telecommunications in the year ending March 31, but it says there is no way to verify wbether that is a fair price. British Telecommunications says it loses £1.45 hillion a year hy champagne demand helped maintaining phone lines to ev-1994 sales rise 17 percent, to ery corner of Britain, but the 27.97 hillion French francs regulatory agency Oftel esti-(\$5.35 hillion), The Associated mated the cost of providing unimated the cost of providing universal service at just £70 to £140 million.

Harry Elhardt, director of EU affairs for AT&T Corp., said the concept was workable hut that any fund had to allow



Very briefly:

• Avion de Transport Régional, the French-Italian maker of commuter aircraft, said sales edged up to 3.8 billion French francs (\$727 million) last year from 3.7 billion francs in 1993 and said it would post a profit for 1994.

 France will sell shares in the tobacco monopoly Societ
 è d'Exploitation Industrielle des Tabacs & des Allumettes for between 125 francs and t35 francs a share, valuing the company at 6.5 billion to 7.0 hillion francs.

Caisse Centrale des Assurances Mutuelles Agricoles has launched an £83 million (\$132 million) takeover bid for Lombard Insurance Group PLC.

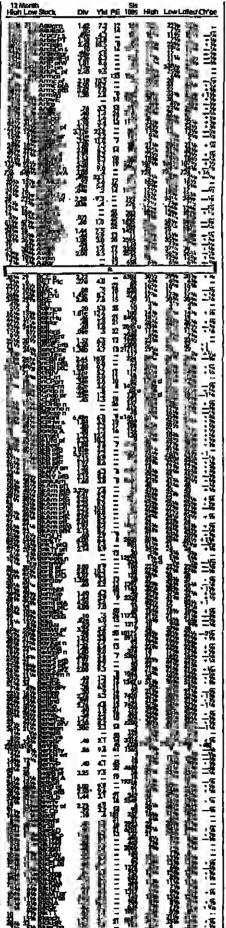
Bouygues SA said it expected to post a 22 percent increase in profit for 1994, to 570 million French francs.

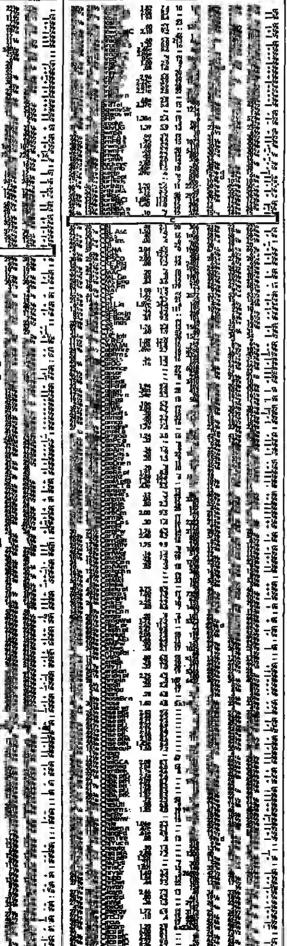
· Gesammetall, a German employers' association, said a "moderate" pay raise for the country's 3.6 million metalworkers was possible if workers agreed to allow changes in working conditions in exchange for postponing layoffs.

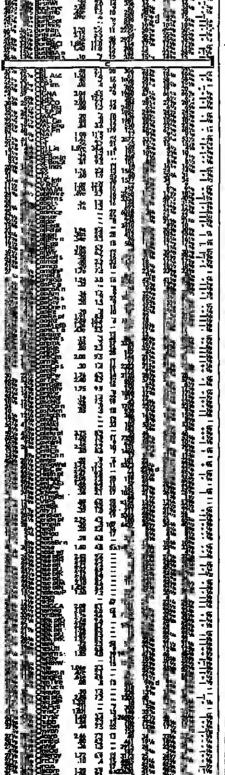
• Spain plans to sell its holdings in Telefónica de España SA and Repsol SA this year "if market conditions permit." Alfredo Pastor, Spain's secretary of state for the economy, said.

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The issue for unions in Decatur and across the United States is not how much more they can their old gains they can keep. With Congress in the grip of Republican lawmakers whom

unions tried to defeat, the current issue of the AFL-CIO News, an organized-labor publication, concedes, "Labor's congressional goals and strategy will take on a distinctively defensive posture." Industry, by contrast, is in the

strongest position in years to argue for a strike-free, less regulat-

ed economy. Like most of Amer-ploying 1,000 or more workers ing. In letters that day offering their costs to the prices they Statistics says.

charged customers. barriers, the companies say they must work in a global economy cal 7837. "You can't win out and vie with competitors, foreign and domestic, whose costs are lower. They want fewer workers, and they want to use there with a picket sign."

The specter of permanent replacements figures in all three workers. At the say th

unions once had a deadly weap-

Since the late 1970s, however, more job-scekers have been willing to cross picket lines. And since the 1980s, more companies have been willing to deploy a mightier weapon than the strike - the permanent replacement worker.

As a result, unions now try to avoid strikes. The number of

"Strikes don't work," said

But with the erosion of trade David Watts, president of Sta-

there more efficiently — days, panies can permanently replace there is another trend under nights and weekends — so that they never need to stop productions they never need to stop productions and baseline Service and Numers Companies New York on. wages and benefits, Staley and and Nynex Corp. in New York
To block such demands, Caterpillar workers have emphasized noneconomic issues,

> ing conditions. By contrast, the ruhber workers' strike against Bridgestone involves wages and benefits. On Jan. 4, management attempted to scare the union hack to the bargaining table hy declaring that about half of the company's 4,000 union members had been permanently replaced.

Management could be bluff-

ican industry until the 1980s, plunged from hundreds a year the temporary workers perma-Staley, Bridgestone and Cater- in the 1940s through the 1970s nent status, the company said pillar could grant regular wage to fewer than 50 a year in the that "under certain circum-increases to workers and add 1990s, the U.S. Bureau of Labor stances, other factors could result in the return of striking employees to their former jobs." Still, the action has terri-

> Mr. Reich attributes the Decatur companies' tough position to managers who underval-

At the same time, he said. aity, helping them develop skills such as union rights and work- and paying them well.

"It's almost as if there are two management philososeeks to cut payrolls and reduce labor costs and tries to hust unions or control union power. workers and give them a greater

Which is winning? "It's too early to tell," he said.

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High Bids in Hong Kong Property's Auction Price Exceeds Forecasts

HONG KONG - Hong Kong's suffering property and stock markets got a boost Wednesday when a government land auction delivered betterthan-expected results.

But analysts and developers were hesitant over whether die market was truly recovering from its recent doldrums, set off last year when rising U.S. interest rates stifled a boom in realestate prices.

The auction spotlight was on a small residential plot in Shatin in the New Territories, which had been widely seen as a test of the appeliles of developers, who have recently slashed apartment prices to attract buyers.

business rose a smaller-than-expected 8.2 per-

cent last year, as rising interest rates and the

property-marker slump took their toll.

The bank earned 1.41 billion Hong Kong

dollars (\$182 million) in 1994, after charges for

dollars in 1993, fell short of the 13 percent

million), exceeding forecasts turned out not so bad, there ranging from 152 million dollars some upward momentum."

to 168 million dollars. "Indications have been in recent months that the residential market was flagging," said Tim Mills, the sale's auctioneer. "But I think today's results show that, certainly in Shatin. there is strength in that residen-

Hong Kong stocks, which so far have not had their traditional pre-Lunar New Year rally, jumped on the auction news. The blue chip Hang Seng index gained 217.82 points, or 3.10 percent, to 7,240.72.

"People had been experting

Resources Hulding Ltd. for 171 na Cheung, a director at South million Hong Kong dollars (522 China Brokerage. "So when they turned out not so bad, there was

> The government withdrew one of the three plots slated to be auctioned Wednesday. which had been earmarked for light commercial use. Analysts said the remote site, near the Chinese border, held little interest because of its distance from

A third industrial site, at Ap Lei Chau near Aberdeen on Hong Kong Island, was sold for 230 million dollars to a unit of the Hong Kong property developer Paliburg International Holdings Ltd. The site went for

Bank's Earnings 'Disappointing' HONG KONG — Bank of East Asia Ltd. said said Herbert Hui, a banking analyst at the bro-Wednesday that earnings from its main banking kerage Barclays de Zoete Wedd. "We will see the same story for all the small banks." After-tax profit and transfers to inner reserves

painted a hrighter picture. Those earnings rose 39 percent, to 1.39 billion dollars. dollars (\$182 million) in 1994, after charges for bad debts. The earnings, up from 1.31 billion lending and a drop in income from other businesses such as stockbroking, analysts weren't

Hyundai to Sell **NTT Plans And Combine Units Philippine** Investment

SEOUL - Hyundai Curp., years. South Korea's huge conglomer-

Ricombers Rusiness News TOKYO — Nippon are, said Wednesday it would Telegraph & Telephone Corp. said Wednesday it reduce the number of its subsidwould buy 12 percent of Smart Communications mergers to enhance its international competitiveness. Inc. of the Philippines for Analysts said the announce-\$123 million, creating a ment was partly aimed at the partnership to compete in

that country's newly liber-

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It is the first foray into

the Philippines for Nippon.

the second-largest telecom-

munications company in the world. It already has interests in Thailand.

provide cash to Smart, a

subsidiary of Hong Kong's

First Pacific Co., for capital

with a real competitive en-

vironment and a testing

ground for their technol-

ogy" in mobile communi-cations, said Richard May,

an analyst at WestLB in

Tokyo. "From the Philip-

pines, it won't be a big leap

for them to move to the

U.S. and Europe."

"This will provide NTT

The deal is expected to

industry.

South Korean government. which has been reluctant to grant Hyundai permission for various plans or loans since 1993. Relations between the government and the Hyundai group deteriorated when Chung Ju Young, the group's founder and honorary chairman, ran for the presidency against Presi-dent Kim Young Sam in 1992.

The group's chairman, Chung Se Young, said Hyundai's 50 subsidiaries would be cur to 23 before being integrated into six divisions specializing in automobiles, electronics, chemicals, shipbuilding, steel and machinery, and construction.

"Our priority will he placed on quality management and en-hancement of competitiveness to become a world leader." Mr. Chung said, promising to accelerate a public offering of group shares. He said the process

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches should be complete within two

Hyundai's move follows a government policy proposal made Tuesday to disperse owniaries through spin-offs and ership of family-controlled business groups and curb their expansion. But the government offered to allow large familycontrolled conglomerates to grow if they reduce the princpal owners' equity ownership to a certain level.

Mr. Chung said he and his family, who are majority shareholders in the Hyundai companies, would reduce their holdings to 40 percent by 1997 from the current 60.7 percent.

The revamp is designed to

beef up our competitiveness and efficiency in the face of a new global trade order under the World Trade Organization," said Lee Suk Young, a Hyundai spokesman.

Kangwon Bank and five other Hyundai companies had been designated for sale by the end of this year. Hyundai will also give up controlling stakes in 10 companies, including Hyundai Marine & Fire Insurance Co, and Aluminium of Korea Ltd., by the end of next (Knight-Ridder, AFP, Reuters Bloomberg)

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Taiwan's economic growth rate rose to 6.42 percent last year from 6.32 percent in 1993, according to preliminary figures, as the country exported a record amount of goods.

 Taiwan's gold dealers might take advantage of a relaxation in regulations to begin trading 24 hours a day March 1, in a move analysts said could double the country's gold trading volume.

 Tokyo's rate of office-building occupancy rose in December for the first time in four and a half years.

 Singapore Telecom Ltd. said it would set up a joint venture with three Asian counterparts — Telekom Malaysia Bhd., Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. and PT Indosat of Indonesia - to provide telecommunications services to international companies,

• Matsushita Electric Works Ltd. said its group pretax earnings grew 10 percent, to 38.9 billion yen [\$390 million), in the year to November and forecast a further increase in the current year.

· Aleatel SEL AG. a German unit of Aleatel Alsthom SA of France, said it had won a contract to install a signal system for a subway system in Shenyang, China.

 Australia's consumer price index rose 0,8 percent in the fourth quarter, up from 0.6 percent in the third quarter.

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Tokyo May Delay JR West Listing **Because of Quake**

TOKYO - The Transport Ministry may delay the listing of shares in West Japan Railway Co. because of the damage caused by the earthquake that struck Kobe on Jan, 17, an official said Wednesday.

West Japan Railway, known as JR West, operates a large railway network in western Honshu. When all damage and Ibe timing of resumption of full operations in the damaged area become clear, we may need to review share listing plans for JR West," the official said.

The Transport Ministry planned to list JR West shares in the 1994-95 financial year. but that listing was delayed be-cause of the slump in the Tokyo stock market. The ministry then rescheduled the listing for early in the 1995-96 year.

Japan Expects Car-Talk Gains

TOKYO - Japan ex-

pects progress in talks with the United States this week on improving access to Tokyo's auto and auto parts market but does not expect a final deal, a trade official said Wednesday.

"We will not reach a final agreement, but I hope we can narrow the differences,' the official said.

The meetings in Washington on Thursday and Friday would be the first substantial negotiations on the issue since talks broke down in late September.

They follow the Jan. 11 summit meeting between President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama, which played down trade friction and stressed cooperation.

China State Firms Lose Output Share

Compiled by the Staff From Dispatches

government-run enterprises slumped to 40 percent last year from 53 percent in 1993, an official form percent in 1993, an official from the State Statistical Bureau said Wednesday. Qiu Xiaohua, the senior economist at the bureau, attributed the

shrinkage to privatization and the growing number of joint ventures between state-run businesses and foreign companies. Mr. Qiu also said tight credit, low interest rates and land speculation had contributed to a 74 percent surge in so-called triangular debts among Chinese companies.

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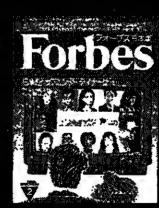
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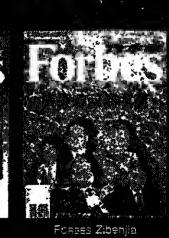
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A Roaming Back Presents Problem for 49ers' Offense

San Diego Chargers' tackles. by another offensive player. All by bimself.

ball on the field, I have to be he said, "you lose focus."

think they know how to stop the Chargers' defensive coordina-6-foot, 3-inch (1.92 meters), 250-pound (113-kilogram) linebacker in Sunday's Super Bowl, when Seau will face a brilliant offense that relies on quick linemen. Their job will be to take away Seau's convoy of 300pound defensive tackles, who can tie up three or four blockers and allow Seau to get free.

Reubeo Davis, 320, aod Shawn Lee, 300, are the biggest tandem of defensive tackles in the National Football League. They force opposing guards and centers to double-team one or the other. That allows Seau to burst through the bole or scoot to the outside after the quarterback or ballcarrier.
"And that's going to be the

said Ronnie Lott, once a defensive back with the 49ers. 'Can the offensive linemen get

to Seau and cut him?" The 49ers' offensive line also is the league's best at cut-block- sive players at a clip and that

ing — hitting the other guy at the koees and taking him down. lets Junior roam in the backfield and that's been the key." MIAMI — Junior Seau It is legal as long as the defen-makes almost 20 percent of the sive player iso't being engaged

Still, it takes concentration to "Textbook-wise, if you were concentrate on Seau. The 49ers' reading about what I do, you'd right tackle, Harris Barton, bave to question it," he said talks of having to account for Tuesday. "But if there's a foot- Seau's whereabouts, but then,

Don't call what Seau does The San Francisco 49ers free-lancing, at least not to the tor, Bill Arnsparger, the dean of the league's assistant coaches. In fact, be sounds insulted at

> "To some people, it might look like be's just running around," the 68-year-old Am-sparger said, "But everyone has an assignment and alignment. It starts with that."

perspective: the ball is where he is headed.

The Chargers are playing in Super Bowl XXIX because of his spectacular performance in the American Conference championship. He produced 12 unassisted tackles, 16 over all. to stop Pittsburgh's running game and force a Neil O'Donnetl aerial show that fell short on the 3-yard line.

Davis said that he himself often "engages two or three offenbig guys on the ground,'

He often outweighs opposing linemeo by 25 pounds, and he is proud of the fact that "a lot of people often compare us to NFC defensive lioemen."

But Bart Oates, the 49ers' center, said he didn't expect

"They say they're about 320, but I think they're 350. Because they're so big some teams have troubte with them, and when they're mixing with the offensive line, they leave certain lanes open for Junior."

For 17 years, Bobb McKittrick, head shaved bald as a drill sergeant's, has been coaching the 49ers' offensive line. He is proud of the unit - indeed, he comes close to being boastful. "In general, we cut a lot of

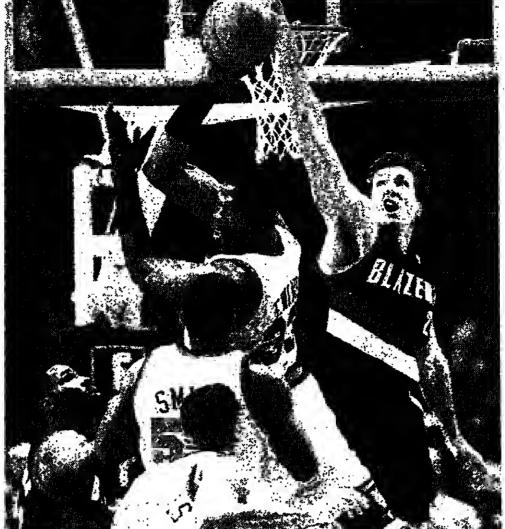
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people so they fall to the ground," said McKittrick. a former Marine. "We have to treat Seau with more care." He doesn't believe that the big defensive tackles necessarily bother his men - it is the classic, big pass-rushing ends that

> produced 12½ sacks during the regular season. So Mckittrick isn't impressed by those big Chargers? "It's easier," he said, "to get

he fears -- such as the Chargers'

265-pound Leslie O'Neal, who



ON A ROLL — Patrick Ewing, stymied this time by the Trail Blazers' Chris Dudley, scored 11 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter as the Knicks came from 11 points back to win, 105-99. It was their fifth straight NBA victory, the 13th in their last 14 games.

Georgetown Wins Freshman Face-off

By J.A. Adande Washington Post Service

LANDOVER, Maryland -Until game time, Georgetown's point guard, Allen Iverson, and other except for what they bad read in newspaper clips and seen in video highlights devoted to the two Big East Conference huge volume of those press clip- but said, "It didn't bother me pings, they could hardly be con-sidered strangers.

And, when they finally faced each other for the first time that much. It wasn't that limit-Tuesday night, they played to a near draw in scoring and laid a foundation for what should be a great rivalry to watch. But the 14th-ranked Hoyas got a 88-71 victory to end a two-game Big East losing streak.

"Anytime we play each other it's going to be a hell of a game." Lopez said. "We're going to try to go back and forth to each other. We've both got great talent, it's a matter of who comes out with the win. They did today."

When Lopez scooped in n lay-up just before the final buzzer, it put him two points sby of iverson's 21, but it left St. John's far short of Georgetown.

"As far as the Iverson-Felipe show is concerned. I'm sure it's quite obvious that both of those guys are great players," said Georgetowo's coach, John Thompson. "I think it's also quite obvious that both of them are young. I don't care what you say or what you write about them, anybody that's sat on the

bench knows that a freshman is a freshman and is going to make freshman mistakes."

Indeed, Iverson and Lopez each had five turnovers. And in St. John's shooting guard, Fe addition to both having been lipe Lopez, knew little of each subjected to tremendous amounts of pressure, both had injured ankles a couple of min-

utes into the game. Lopez landed awkwardly on freshmen. But considering the his left ankle early in the game,

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

ed that I should go out of the game. I wouldn't say it was a great deal."

He was held to two points the first half, then scored 14 in a 22-7 run that narrowed the lead to 67-56 with 11:18 left.

lversoo had spraioed his right ankle eight days earlier agaiost Coonecticut, and played little since. But in the first half, he played some of his best basketball of the season, making 8 of 12 shots and scoring 19 points.

"I think I came out and did the same thing, but when I started shooting in the second half it wasn't falling, so I just kept running the offense, getting my teammates involved." he said, then added:

"I was fired up because I badn't been playing."

Georgetown's center, Don Reid, said, "We knew since the beginning of the year that he was going to be ready for this game no matter what."

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ALOWESTERN COLLEGATE CONFERENCE-Le Sale will leave conference, effective June 10.

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Arkansas Is Undone By Its Own Consistency. Top-ranked Massachusetts

The Associated Press

Arkansas's shooting was consistent, Bad, but consistent; 12for-34 in the first half, 13-for-36 in the second.

Corliss Williamson, a 59 per-

cent shooter from the field, made three of nine in the first half and four of nine in the second. Scotty Thurman, a 50 percent shooter, was three-for-eight to each half.

And nobody picked up the slack for the ninth-ranked Razorbacks, so the result was predictable; Alabama 88, Arkansas 70 in their Southeastern Conference on Tuesday night.

loss io Walton Arena, their it eoded a 26-game home winning streak. It was the defending national champion's worst home loss since a 74-52 loss to Missouri in the 1967-68 seasoo.

The evening also saw the natioo's loogest home winning streak snapped as Michigan beat Indiana, 65-52. The Hoosiers had won 50 in a row at home, the last loss to lowa oo Feb. 21, 1991.

now has the nation's loogest home winning streak, at 39 games, after beating Duquesne 103-53.

"It was one of those nights, we just couldn't get them to fall," said Arkansas's coach said Arkansas's coach, Nolan Richardson, "Guys who needed to shoot the ball in the hole for us didn't."

For Alabama, it was just the opposite. Jamal Faulkner, was eight-for-nine in the first half and Eric Washington made seven of nine in the second half. Faulkner scored 16 points in 3 the first half as Alabama built a Il was the Razorbacks' first four for five from 3-point range and had 19 points in the second home the past two seasons, and half, Overall, the Crimson Tide

was 33-for-62 from the field. No. 1 Massachusetts 103: Duquesne 53: Marcus Camby scored 23 points as the Minutemen won their 13th in a row overall, 10th straight in the Atlantic 10 Conference and seventh in a row on the road. Massachusetts shot 63 perceot in: the first half and held a 52-26 halftime lead after Duquesne opened the game with a 9-2 run.

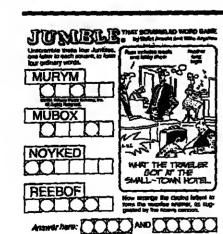
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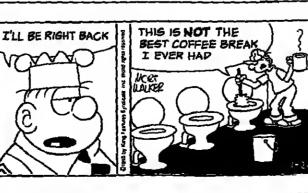
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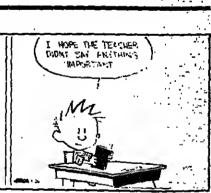






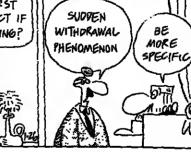






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Ski Races Likely to Be Called Off

SIERRA NEVADA, Spain - The World Alpine Championships of skiing will likely be called off Thursday, with warming temperatures having created even more problems for an event that has been put in dnubi for weeks because of a paucity of snow.

Workers at this southern ski resort walked around Wednesday in shirt sleeves. Overnight temperatures had remained above freezing, and the forecast for the next few days called for warm weather, rendering nearly useless the resort's 100 snowmaking machines.

Officials of the International Ski Federatinn promised a decision by Thursday afternoon.

Jeronimo Paez, head of the local organizing committee. said Wednesday it would be better to delay the event until next year rather than risk injuries. He said a postponement until March or April was out because the weather was not likely to improve.

"We don't want to interrupt a cause of climatic conditions or an accident," Paez said.

Marc Hodler, president of FIS, said Tuesday night that even the lederation was leaning toward a postponement.

The two-week championships have been scheduled to begin Monday, with more than 500 skiers competing. But FIS has told team officials to not begin shipping equipment, which usually takes several

against shifting the races to another site because of logistics problems and a commitment to local organizers. Its secretary Real picked him up for nothing and today places an \$7.5 million general, Gian Franco Kasper, said rescheduled championships would likely be set for February or March of 1996. But, he insisted, he remained optimistic that they would begin here Monday.

"Well, I'm optimistic with a headache," Paez said. "The race courses don't look as bad when you see them up close."

Hodler called the forecast for the next few days "very pessi-

Much of southern Spain is experiencing a severe drought that has placed residents on water-use restrictions. The postponement would be a blow to an area that has invested about \$1,2 billion in public and private money in the championships since they were awarded to Spain several years ago.

FIS was widely criticized for holding the 1993 championships in Morioka, Japan, where they were plagued by bad weather. But Hodler said there had been no second thoughts about choosing Sierra Nevada, another non-traditional ski area.

"The resort is one of the absolute best as far as snow conditions are concerned," he said. "We had World Cup finals there with excellent snow. This is the first time in the last 100 years they haven't had snow."

Asked what might be done to prevent such situations, Hodler replied, "We are exposed to nature. Somebody has to make a big ski stadium with an 800meter vertical drop, a big roof, and first-class refrigeration sys-





championship in the middle be- Naoko Sawamatsu was pained but satisfied; Andre Agassi, with Yevgeni Kafelnikov, said "it was a good day at the office."

Agassi and Krickstein Win, And It's an All-U.S. Show

Sánchez Vicario Facing Werdel Witmeyer

The Associated Press

Agassi and Aaron Krickstein won their quarterfinal matches

Agassi, the flamboyant No. 2 leutless march by downing 10th-seeded Yevgeni Kafelnikov, 6-2. 7-5, 6-0, in just 83 minutes.

Kriekstein then beat Jacco Elungh of the Netherlands, 7-6 good day at the office."

(7-3), 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, in a match

It is only the second time in the open era of tennis that four semifinals of a Grand Slam. The first was in 1979, with Vitas Gerulaius, Ruscoe Tanner, for me." John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors in the U.S. Open semi-

finals. MeEnroe beat Gerulai-MELBOURNE - Andre tis, 7-5, 6-3, 6-3, for the title. Arantxa Sánchez Vicarin end-

ed the inspired run of Naoko Wednesday, ensuring that an Sawamatsu and is now twn vic-American will take home the tories away from her first Ausmen's title of the Australian tralian Open singles title and the women's No. 1 ranking.

She beat the unseeded Japaseed making his debut in this nese, 6-1, 6-3, and will next play tournament, continued his reanne Werdel Witmeyer of the

Agassi said he "hit the ball well, executed well. It was a

Krickstein will play Agassi in the semifinals, while defending champion Pete Sampras will face Nn. 5 seed Michael Champion 11 was his fifth successive triumph without dropping a set, and the U.S. Open champion said he was delighted with the way be has been playing.

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me, more than anything," Agassi said. "To play three sets Americans have reached the every other day is not taking a while lot out of me.

"I feel like it's all gone well

He had requested a daytime

"I leit good to be out there in the sun and get a little hit of a tan," he said. "I feel quite com-fortable on all my shots right now. I feel like I'm serving exceptionally well and utilizing

He then spoke of Sampras who, because of the illness of his coach, Tim Gullikson, was in tears during his dramatic five-set quarterfinal vicinry over Jim Courier that ended early Wednesday morning.
"It's an extraordinary thing

to see what Pete's managed to do," Agassi said. "He's an incredibly gifted person. He's a deep person as well, who is obway be has been playing.
"I think quite honestly this has been incredible practice for things at the moment with Tim. I can certainly identify with that. Just to have him still in the tournament is an asset. It's inspiring, you know."

Gullikson, who had two strokes late last year, has had to return home from the Australian Open after becoming ill and being hospitalized for tests. Krickstein, who is ranked 45th in the world, advanced to a Grand Slam semifinal for the first time since the 1989 U.S.

Open.
He used his elever baseline game to disarm the aggressive, net-rushing Eltingh and said he was looking forward to facing Agassi, who has won four of their seven previous meetings. "He's steamrolled everyone

here, but I'll go out and give it my best," Kriekstein said. He said he was surprised by

the all-American line-up. "It's kind of exciting," be said. "I don't think anyone would have put money on it before the tournament but I'm

glad to be one of the four." Werdel Witmeyer, who had not made it past the third round in 29 previous Grand Slam tournaments, downed her former hitting partner, Angelica Gavaldon of Mexico, 6-1, 6-2.

Using used her power from the back of the court to good effect, Werdel Witmeyer went for broke and repeatedly sent the ball whistling past ber more conservative opponent. She hit 26 winners to just one by Gavaldon, who rarely ventured from the baseline.

The other women's semifinal will pit No. 2 seed Conchita Martinez against Nn. 4 seed Mary Pierce, both of whom won their quarterfinals on Tucsday.

Sawamatsu, ranked 26th in the world, made the last eight despite the trauma of ber family's home being destroyed in last week's earthquake in Knbe. She had dedicated her victories to victims of the quake and said she would donate a percentage of her earnings to them.

"I'm very satisfied with my results," she said. "It was quite hard to concentrate due to the circumstances back home."

Sánchez Vicario, the French and U.S. Open champion, qualified for her 14th Grand Slam semifinal - at the age of just 23. She will take over the Nn. 1 ranking from the injured Steffi Graf if she wins the tourna-

Other Results

Men's Doubles, Quarterficals
Petr Korda, Czech Republic, and Patrick Petr Kordo, Czech Republic, and Patrick McEnroe. U.S., del. Morcos Ondruska and Grant Stafford, South Africa. 6-2, 6-4, 6-7 (10-12), 6-3: Mark Knowles, Bohamos, and Daniel Nestor. Camoda, del. Rick Leach and Scott Mahrille. U.S., 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 16-14. Women's Doubles, Quarterfinats Lindian Dovenbort and Lisa Raymond (3), U.S., def. Pathy Fendick and Mary Joe Fernandez (7), U.S., 3-6, 6-3, 6-3. Mised Doubles, Quarterfinats

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Cyril Sak, Czech Republic, and Gigi Fernandez (5), U.S., def, Dovid Adame, South Ahrico, and Lisa Raymond (3), U.S., 6-3, 6-2; Grant Coanell, Canada, and Lindauy Doversport (1).
U.S., def. Lan Bole and Amanda Caetzer, South Africa, 4-6, 4-6-1; Tom Woodbride, Austrafia, and Helena Sutova (4), Czech Republic, def. Javier Sonchez, Spala, and Lari McNetl (8), U.S., 6-2, 6-2. public, def. Javier Sanche McNell (6), U.S., 4-2, 4-2.

Blanco, the Gift Spurned by Atlético Madrid, Is Saving Real

ONDON - Perhaps only on the sporting field can the wonder of youth mock the folly of old men. In Madrid, there is a lad, harely out of school uniform, who seems destined to make a fool out of one soccer clnh president and save the face of

Raul Gonzáles Blanco, 17, has crossed the divide that has FIS had decided earlier driven the Spanish capital's soccer passions for most of this gainst shifting the races to an century. Nurtured to the red stripes of Atlético Madrid, he now stars in the white of Real Madrid. It is not his fault. Atlético had first call but abandoned him;

> valuation on his precocity, his eye for the goal. When 107,000 fans in the Santiago Bernabeu stadium chant his

name, when they sing of "Raul Madrid," the player's father doesn't know whether to laugh or to cry. Hughes -Pedro Blanco lives for Atlético. He

was born and will die faithful to it. A humble electrician and plumber, he pledged his boy to the cause, sending him to Villaverde Alto, Atlético's nursery club, in

The gift was obvious. Raul shone through a remarkable season in which Atlético's under-14 side devoured all opposition, to the tune of 175 goals scored, just one goal conceded. Papa was so proud. And so bemused a few months later, when Jesus Gil, who rules Atlético as its president, dismantled the

Gil styles himself el Caudillo — the leader, or guide. He is a ligure of weighty bulk, huge ambition, short fuse. He hires and fires coaches on the basis of whether a Sunday performance pleases or embarrasses him. And if the president's whim sows instability, if the coach in turn fires the guardians of the youth setup, why should Gil care? He will buy replacements for everybody, everything.

Impatience is his god, parity with Real Madrid his boast. But Gil has seldom had to account for his methods, in sport or in the

Long ago, when Pedro Blanco, never mind his affspring, was second fiddle to Ivan Zamorano, the Chilean whose 17 goals leads young, Gil was convicted of criminal negligence after 58 people died in the collapse of an apartment block huilt by Gil. An inquiry

November, when Jorge Valdano, Real's coach, called the teenager showed that, in order to cut costs, he had employed neither architect nor engineer. But Gil's contacts in high places stood force. firmer than his huilding; given amnesty by the Franco government, he never served the 18-month jail sentence.

Atletico welcomed Gil's wealth, his grandiose way of strapping gold Rolex watches onto the wrist of each member of a winning team. When the moods darken, when he preemptively dismisses managers, coaches or players who arouse his displeasure, the Atlético fanatics shrug and say, "That's our president, our Raging

In property, politics or polemics, he makes pramises he may never keep. Riding on a good Atletico season two years ago, he commissioned a caricature of himself elad in red and white stripes as his running mate for the office of mayor of Marbella. He won. of course. His constructions (still standing) figure large on the Golden Mile of the Costa Del Sol. With Gil, you win some, you lose some, you seldom pay the price.

There have been two more custodial sentences passed but unserved. In 1993 he was sentenced to two months for his part in illegal land dealings in Madrid; the magistrate decided it was not worth implementing the sentence. In May 1991, he was given a suspended six-month prison term, and fined 100,000 pesatas (about \$8,400 at present rates), for defaming Ramon Mendoza, the president of Real Madrid.

Oh yes, the Madrid rivalry. When this season began, Mendoza, beset by \$80 million in debts at Real, called a presidential election. After 10 years of struggling with the cost and the faded glory of Europe's once most regal club, Mendoza suggested he might stand

ATELY, THE TIDE has turned. Real Madrid looks likely to win the Spanish league championship. Atlético Madrid is in danger of be dropped down a division. The symbol of this change in fortune, the potential jewel in the crown, is the boy Jesus Gil wouldn't wait to grow up and Ramin Mendoza inherited by

Blanco is not a one-man team. His five goals in two months play

SIDELINES

the whole of the Spanish league. But from the day at the start of November, when Jorge Valdano, Real's coach, called the teenager up from the third team, Real Madrid has been Spain's dominant

In his debut for Real, the boy was profligate and over-excited in a match in Zaragoza. Valdano stuck with him. The next game, before a full house at the Bernabeu, Raul showed wby he is preferred to Emilin (The Vulture) Butraguenn in Real's attack, He scored two of the four goals his tearn got - and against Atletico

S INCE, BLANCO has been a pivotal player, a goalscorer and a goal-maker, in a run that has lifted Real clear. In nine games, the team has won seven, drawn two, and gotten in 27 goals against

The 100,000-plus Bernaben crowds have inspired rather than frightened the fledgling. Butragueño bas the grace, and the sense, to acknowledge that "the boy is too good to leave out. I was the same age when I made my debut, I may never get in again."

Blanco's embryonic skills belp compensate for the loss through knee injury of two key Real midfield players: Michel, who is out for seven months, and Fernando Redondo, who will miss two

Quite apart from the immediate \$7.5 million put on his head, the pulling power of a new, "home grown" Medridista is bringing floods of money into a stadium whose \$8 million refurbishment contributed to debts of mismanagement.

President Mendoza has forgotten his intention to stand down. With each goal that goes in, each victory and the lure of renewed European Champions' Cup glory next season, the hurden lightens. Mendoza will, he thinks, win the election three weeks from

So the president thinks of renewal. He has the boy, Raul, who scored twice in another four-goal romp on Sunday.

One almost feels sorry for Jésus Gil. Unless a savior comes along soon, Atlético faces a sentence even his money cannot buy

Brundle to Drive

For Ligier Team

MAGNY COURS, France

- Nigel Mansell's prospects

for a return to Fnrmula One racing improved Wednesday

when the Ligier team an-nounced it had signed Martin Brundle for the 1995 season.

Mansell's chief competition

for the No. 2 spot with

McLaren-Mercedes had heen

Brundle, 35, will share the

McLaren said Wednesday no decision had been made regarding Mansell, who is reportedly

asking £10 million (\$16 million)

for the 16-race season. A

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the Argentine Grand Prix on March 12.

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No. 2 Ligier-Honda car with

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turns as the Nn. 1 driver.

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IOC Rejects Demand by Women's Groups

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — The International Olympic Committee rejected Wednesday a demand by women's rights activists to bar countries that exclude women athletes from their teams. The IOC's director general, François Carrard,

said it would not respond to a letter from Atlanta Plus, a coalition of women's groups seeking to bave barred Iran and other Moslem countries that discriminate against female competitors. "For us it's not an issue," Carrard said follow-

ing a meeting of the IOC executive board. "The problem of women in sport is a fundamental issue, but what is in the letter does not concern

us. It is an attack against a religion for political

Anita DeFrantz, a former U.S. Olympie rower and the only woman on the IOC executive board. said, "It seemed to me the letter was very specific about a religion and very specific about a country. Therefore it doesn't seem to be in the interest of enhancing women's opportunity in sports."

tries to be barred from the 1996 Atlanta Games if they refuse to accept female athletes.

In a letter sent in September to the IOC's

president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, the women's coalition noted that the Olympic Charter forbids sex discrimination and called for counNBA Court Victory Cheers Baseball

tion is somehow to blame for the players' strike."

Wang Reported Back in Ma's Camp

BELIING (AP) — Wang Junxia, China's star long distance runner, has resumed training under her controversial coach. Ma

Junren, after leading a mass walkout last month, the official Liberation Daily reported Wednesday.

Wang, who holds world records at 3,000 and 10,000 meters, had

no choice but to rejoin Ma if she is to prepare for the Olympics in Atlanta, the Liberation Daily quoted a sports official as saying.

NEW YORK (NYT) - NBA owners won another labor round in court when a three-judge U.S. appeals panel upheld a lower court ruling that the league's salary cap, draft and right of first refusal were not violations of anutrust laws, even though the collective bargaining agreement that spawned them bad expired. Tuesday's decision also cheered major-league hasehall owners. In a statement, Bud Selig, the acting commissioner, said "this should put an end to the notion that baseball's anutrust exemp-

For the Record

John Walker, an NFL players's union executive, has been fired for gross misuse of funds intaling between \$80,000 and \$100,000 and has not been heard from for more than two weeks, according to several people with knowledge of union husiness. (NYT)
Giovanni Trapattoni said he is ready to return to Italy after
seven months as coach of Bayern Munich because of problems with the language and in settling his family in Bavaria. (Reuters)

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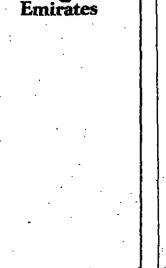
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O.J. Opinions for Hire

found the only defense attorney who has not been interviewed on ley know what they're doing." television about the O. J. Simpson trial. His name is John Campbell and because nobody has ever asked for his advice, his fellow barristers refer to him as

the "Maytag Man of Law-1 discovered



Buchwald

the call from a talk show host concerning O. J.?" I asked John. "I know as much as anyone else," he said. "I'm very presentable, and I can second-guess the prosecution and the defense as well as any big-shot lawyers appearing on 'Today' and 'Good Morning America.' Somebody left me out of the computer, and I'm going to launch a class-ac-

"It must hurt professionally not to get your 2 cents' worth with Geraldo Rivera." "No client wants a lawyer to

tion suit against all the network

Salvaged Porcelain Put Up for Auction

TV shows.

AMSTERDAM - A trove of Chinese porcelain retrieved from a sunken ship will be auctioned in March at Christie's in .Amsterdam.

The auction house said that more than 24,000 pieces of 19th-century porcelain were salvaged by the diver Dorian Ball from the wreck of the British merchant ship Diana, which sank in 1817 after hitting rocks in the Strait of Malacca off the Malay Peninsula,

WASHINGTON — I didn't defend him if he hasn't ex-think he existed, but I have pressed an opinion on whether Robert Shapiro and F. Lee Bai-

> John kept looking at the telephone. "I just know that Larry King is going to call. I once met him at a party, and he told me that if he ever needed legal advice for his viewers he'd give me a buzz."

> "What would you say if you actually did get on television?" "I'd tell the truth. The prose-

cution was lucky to get Judge fto to admit Nicole's 911 call. hut the defense can use the decision when it comes time to appeal the

"That makes sense, and it's also good show husiness. Is there some way you can offer yourself to CNN when one of its regular experts is stuck at O'Hare Airport and can't make it to the

"I told ABC that I'd pay my own expenses to offer my thoughts on the DNA evidence. And I told them that I would throw in an opinion on what the sequestered jury is thinking for nothing. But Diane Sawyer never got back to me. If I don't appear on one of the big shows I'm going to wind up as a public defender on Court TV."

I was beginning to feel sorry for Campbell, especially when many magazine shows were using law school students as commentators.

"Perhaps they're saving you for the summing up. They're going to need thousands of lawyers

He shook his head. "You have to know somebody big in televi-sion to get booked as a defense lawyer on a talk show. My niece dates a fellow who writes for David Letterman, and she said that they may be looking for someone to kid around with Dave on the 10 best ways to drive a white Bronco down the San Diego Freeway.

The Fast-Changing Landscape of Global TV

By Martin Baker tional Herald Tribune

I S it a cheeschurger? Is it a book-store? No. actually, it's the launch of the BBC's new global television

From Thursday, BBC World will offer 24-hour news and information, and a second channel, BBC Prime, will transmit entertainment in place of the old BBC World Service Television. The new services are the latest addition to a global television industry described by Hugh Williams, director of programs at BBC Worldwide Television, during a recent presentation at the George V Hotel in Paris as "the most crowded. competitive and perhaps the most skeptical market in the world," Given that the comparisons of television to a cheeseburger and a bookstore came from his competitors in that market, Williams might also have described it as the most confused. Or perhaps that

should be confusing.
In any event, the frenetic pace of change, the enthusiasm, the absolute refusal of the global television industry to stand still, simply cannot be denied: Time Warner Inc. is launching an en-tertainment channel with France Television; Dow Jones & Co. has a new financial channel, and Reuters, the international news agency, has just announced an agreement with Rupert Murdoch's U.S. television network, Fox Broadcasting, Amid these scenes of frantic coupling, the BBC has hitched itself to Thames Television, its erstwhile archenemy for U.K. audience share. Together they will produce Prime, the entertainment channel. Thames Television is part of the Pearson group, which owns the Financial Times and FTTV.

Those who find this collaboration of a government-chartered, publicly li-nanced corporation and a commercial communications company quoted on the London Stock Exchange somewhat surprising have a further shock in store: The news and information channel, BBC World, with its expanded team of journalists including the heavyweight anchor Donald MacCormick, will be funded by advertising.

At this point two key questions present themselves. What does the BBC's decision to accept advertising say, if anything, about the commercial future

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Donald MacCormick, who presents BBC's "The World Today."

international television services? And what kind of programming should viewers expect from international television providers, such as CNN, MTV

and Star TV? The answer to question number one is that the BBC's decision to take commercials probably tells us quite a lot, despite the fact that the U.K. state broadcaster's circumstances are special. The BBC is dealing with an unsympathetic government, and its state license-fee income grow only in line with U.K. price inflation - not a prospect that would excite managers in

the private sector.
"The BBC basically has no choice but to opt for commercial funding." says Jonathan Helliwell, a mediastocks analyst at James Capel & Co. in London, "Otherwise it would have to accept static revenues, while the cost of

the talent would go up."

But, advertising it seems has a broader attraction than helping state broadcasters out of a difficult situation: "People aren't really interested in subscriptions for news services, only entertainment and sports channels, so if they are to pay for themselves news services really have to be advertisingsupported," says Colin Tennant of the

Swiss brokerage UBS Ltd. in London. The obvious objection to adverusing-supported news services is a possible lack of objectivity when a news story may damage the interests of a major advertiser. Peter Vesey, vice president of CNN International, argues, however, that CNN and others that accept advertising can survive only if journalistic objectivity is manifestly unimpaired:

"Any news service is going to get into trouble. You do an honest job and some ocopie will hate it, some will love it. We have only one asset, and that's our creathlity. If we lose that we may as well burn the cameras and send the journalists home."

Vesey tharacterizes CNN's style as "a good first take on the news, an accurate primary source of information. . . Television is the cheese-

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hurger of world events. Like human beings need a more varied diet than cheeseburgers, so our viewers need access to lots of other sources of informa-

tion and analysis." Williams agrees that credibility is essential, although he cites research conducted among French viewers showing 44 percent preferring the concept of BBC World over a CNN seen by the French as "superficial, some-times too American." Others in the industry say that the BBC's approach

can be opinionated and "too British." The question of how television makes its money ultimately turns on the programs it offers, argues Alastair Smellie, a media-stocks analyst at Lehman Brothers in London. He endorses the view among analysts that entertainment channels will charge subscriptions, and says that subscription levels are currently being tested by the television companies.

"They'll find the ceiling by trying to offer exactly what you want when you want it." he said. "We're going to get, say, 200 channels of programming on a pay-to-view basis. These may be general interest channels, they may be thematic. But they will offer the viewer the possibility of choosing what to watch - at a price."

Many observers argue that in an international context expanded choice means customized programming to accommodate local language and culture. Star TV's successful switch from English to indigenous-language programming affords an obvious example.

"Our goal is to offer each of our major markets a package of local and international channels," said a Star TV spokesman in Hong Kong. "We are concentrating on entertainment [because of] overwhelming demand, MTVs similar mix of the global

and the local is also well thought of. Jane Reed, London-based director of corporate affairs at News International, a subsidiary of News Corp., is certain that the future of television programming, will offer "a fantastic amount of choice, though which of the delivery systems will prove most popular is difficult to say."

"Television is hecoming a magazine stall or a bookshop," she said. "You will just go in and huv a book. The choice will be that enormous."

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Author Trevor Wins 3d Whitbread Prize

William Trevor has won Britain's Whitbread prize for his novel "Felicia's Journey," his third Whitbread award. The Irish-horn Trevor, 66, won £21,000 (\$33,500) with the prize His two previous Whitbread winners were "The Children of Dynmouth" in 1976, and "Fools of Fortune" in 1983.

St. Martin's Press has acquired the rights to the second sequel to Margaret Mitchell's 1936 classic "Gone With the Wind for \$4.5 million. "Scarlett." written by Alexandra Rip. ley in 1991, has sold 2.5 million hard-cover copies for its publisher. Warner Books. The new book is hy Emma Tennant, who has written two follow-ups to Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice."

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Empress Michiko of Japan was reported to be in good health Wednesday after undergoing minor treatment for a swollen thyroid gland the day before. There is no change in her schedule today, a spokesman for the imperial Household Agency said, speaking on condition of anonymity. He said it was "n very minor, benign case" of adenoma, a tumor in the thyroid gland.

T "Rouge" by the director Krzysztof Kieslewski was named best French film and "Exotica" by Atom Egoyan of Canada was honored as best foreign film in the 1994 Prix de la Critique awarded by French criucs. The prize is considered a good indicator of the Cesar awards, the French equivalent of the Academy Awards.

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